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Skipper's super
TV competition -
prizes galore!



TOP of the POPS
Howard Jones



from you to me...

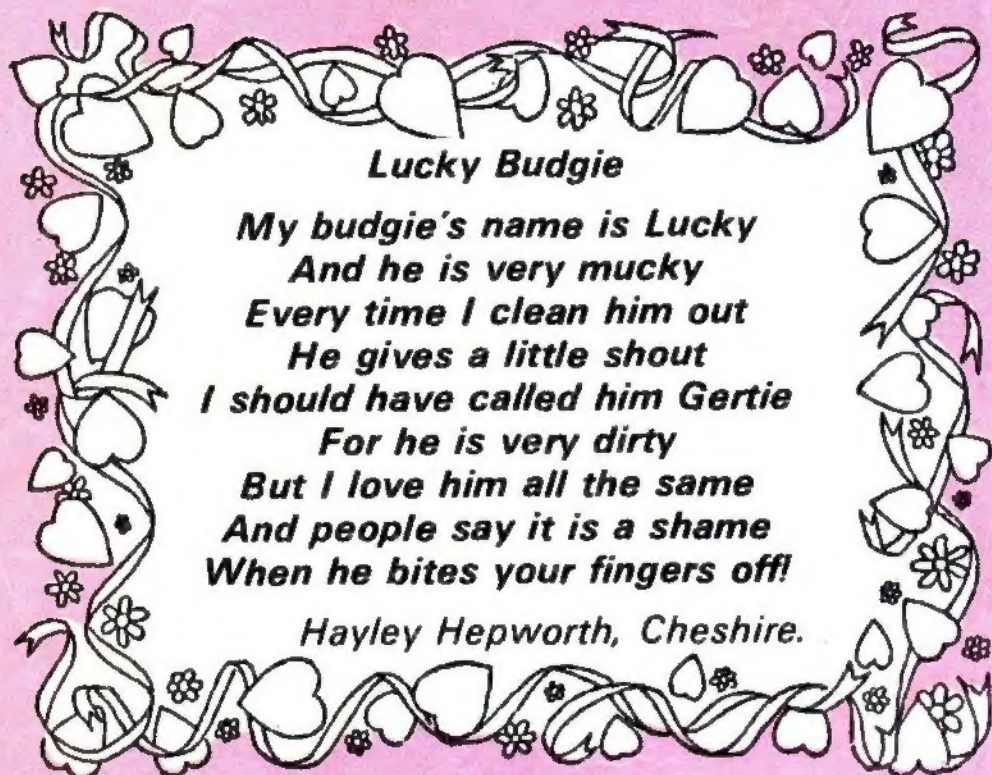
Hi there,

Skipper and Ken have been helping me to decide what to put in the magazine this week. Why don't you help, too? Just send me a postcard telling me what you like best in this issue of Barbie magazine, and let me know if there is anything you don't like.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Your friend,

Barbie



Lucky Budgie

My budgie's name is Lucky
And he is very mucky
Every time I clean him out
He gives a little shout
I should have called him Gertie
For he is very dirty
But I love him all the same
And people say it is a shame
When he bites your fingers off!

Hayley Hepworth, Cheshire.

Barbie's Best

I'm just another Barbie fan
One of quite a lot
I like her hair and all her clothes
And everything she's got
Now I buy her magazine
It really is a treat
All her stories and her tips
Are really hard to beat
Angela McLaren, Airdrie.



Julie Owens of Cumbernauld sent us this picture of her with her dog Sandy. Isn't he cute?

Just Joking

What do you call a person who sits in a pram and wobbles?

A jelly baby!

What do you call something that goes tick tick woof woof?

A watch dog!

How do you know when it is raining cats and dogs?

When there are lots of poodles on the road!

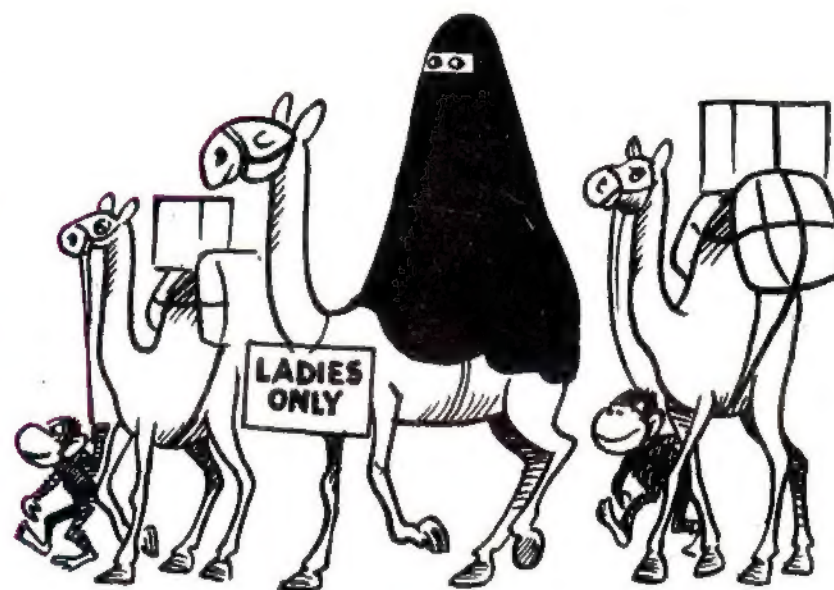
How do ghosts get through the door?

They use skeleton keys.

Why do elephants never forget?

Because nobody ever tells them anything!

Michelle Higgin, Co. Down.



What do you get if you cross an elephant with a kangaroo?

Big holes all over Australia!

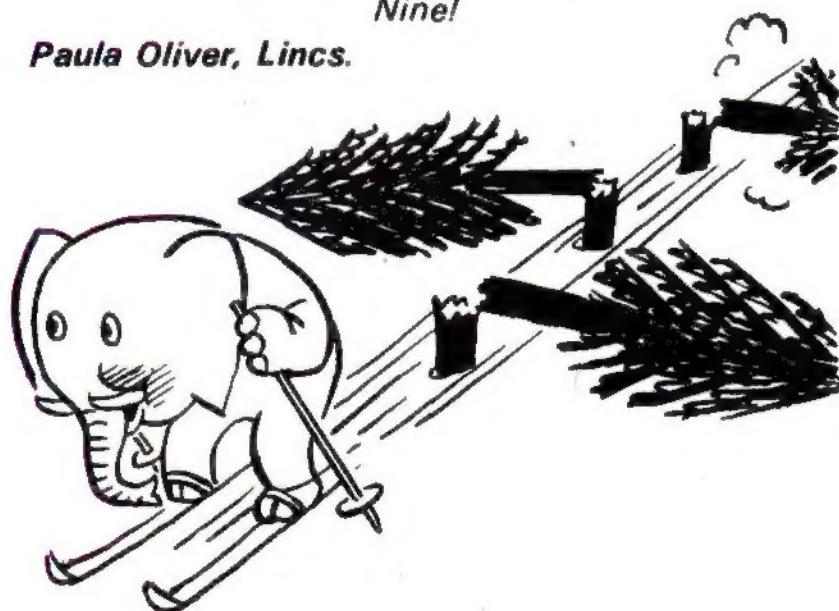
What do you do if your baby swallows your biro?

Use a pencil!

If two's company and three's a crowd, what's four and five?

Nine!

Paula Oliver, Lincs.



Letters

Dear Barbie,

Once when I stayed with my friend she took me to visit a lady who lived nearby. When we got there I felt like I was at the zoo.

There are so many different animals to see and they were all so friendly. Before I knew what was happening the biggest dog I had ever seen came and sat on my lap and a legless lizard crawled round my neck — it was so exciting!

Janet Smith, Kent

Dear Barbie,

One day my sister and I wondered where my brother Crispin could be and we looked everywhere for him. Eventually, he appeared and he smelt awful. We asked him where he had been and we discovered that he had splashed on all of Mum's perfume. She was furious!

Anoushka Williams, Mortimer.

Dear Barbie,

I am an English girl who is living in Malaysia. I love Barbie but the dolls are very expensive here. They work out to about £20 in English money, but I still try to buy as many as I can as I think they are worth every penny.

Saranak Shell Berhad, Sarawak.

Dear Barbie,

My little sister and I were helping Mum to do some baking. Mum asked me to throw out the eggshells and my sister came with me. I wasn't sure where to throw the shells so I threw them to our hens.

My sister looked really shocked. "Look at them," she cried. "The greedy things are eating their own flesh and blood!"

Eileen Dake, Eire.



Dear Barbie,
I get your magazine every fortnight and I think the stories are really good. I thought you would like to see a picture of me with all my Barbie dolls. Please print it if you can.

Marie Ostrer, Berks.

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Barbie and Skipper's Aunt Hilda was an expert in deep-sea exploration. One day she took the girls to a large vessel moored some distance off the Cornish coast. . .

Atlantia

A
Barbie
serial



part one

There she is, girls. The Sea-Cat. My very own design!

It's like something from outer-space, Aunt Hilda! What's it for?

The Sea-Cat can go deeper and stay down longer than any submarine. She's essential to my ocean exploration programme.

Care to go down in the Sea-Cat?

Wow! Yes please!

Is-is it safe?

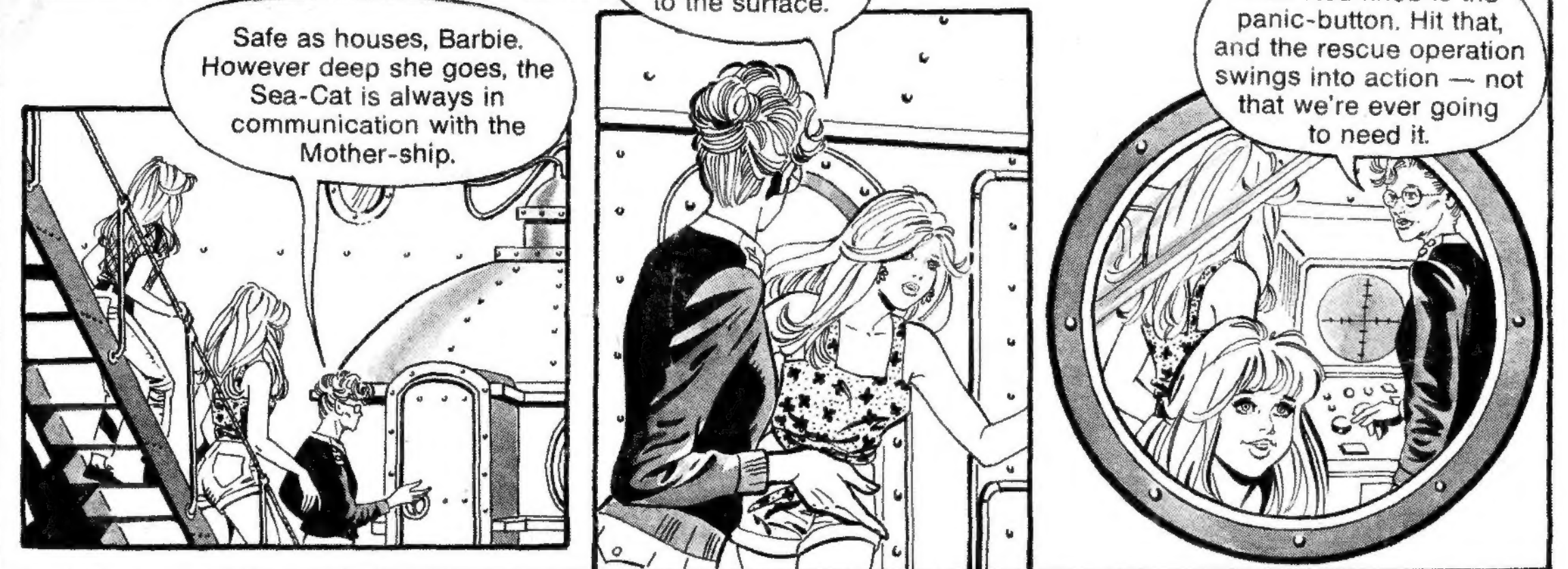


At the first hint of trouble, we'd be hauled back to the surface.

The girls soon forgot their fears as the Sea-Cat went deeper and deeper. . .

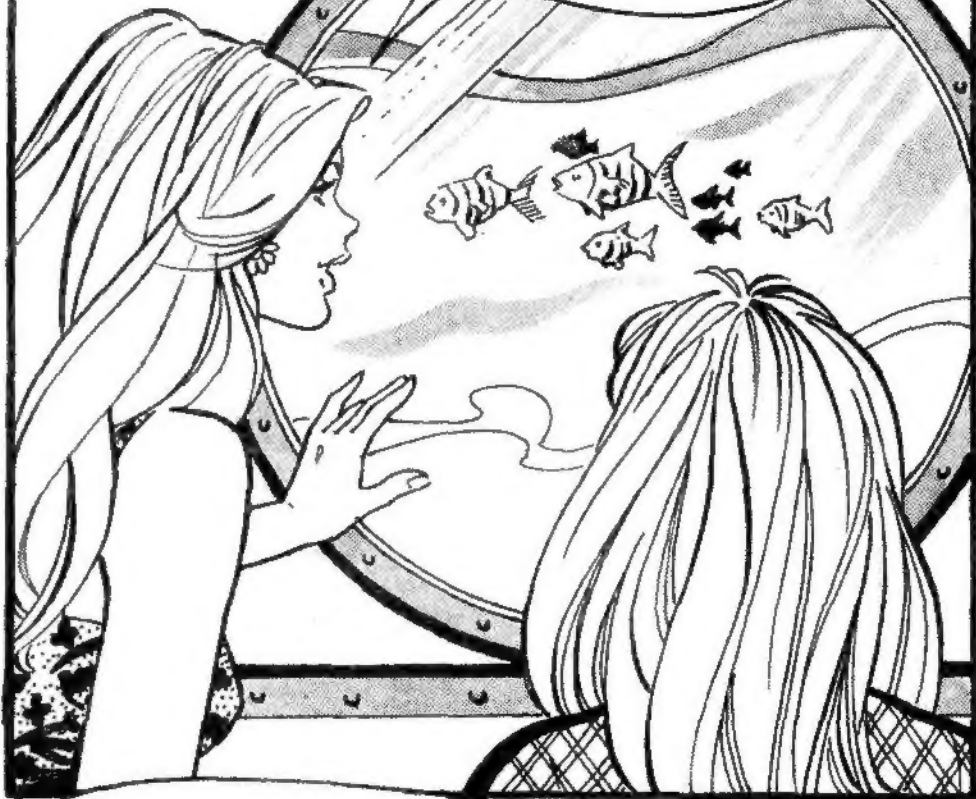
Safe as houses, Barbie. However deep she goes, the Sea-Cat is always in communication with the Mother-ship.

This Red knob is the panic-button. Hit that, and the rescue operation swings into action — not that we're ever going to need it.



It was like a
wonderland. . .

The searchlights
are attracting the
fish. I've never
seen so many!



How very interesting.
It's a type of shark I've
never seen before. But don't
worry — sharks are never
interested in the Sea-Cat.



It's spooky
with one light —
and it's suddenly
getting so cold.

That's because
we lost all power
when that shark
hit us.

Are you
all right,
Skipper?

Just shaken up —
But I think Aunt
Hilda is out cold!



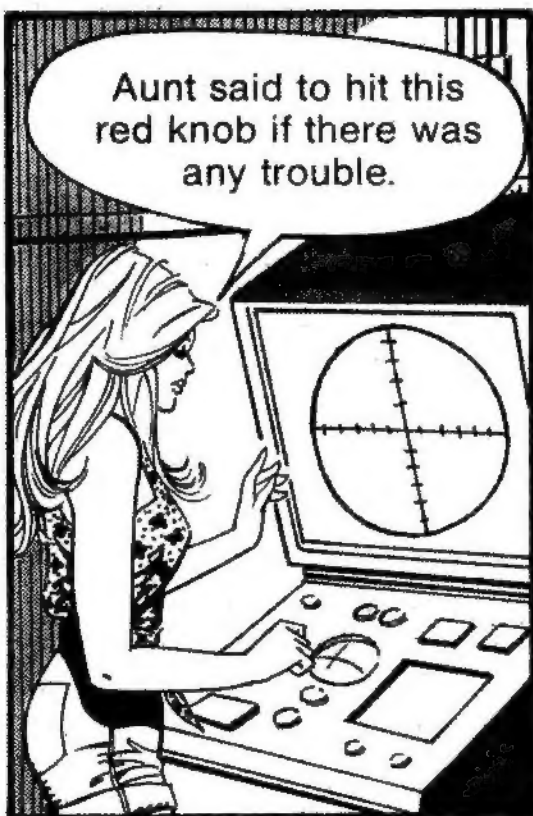
Aunt Hilda
was wrong. . .

EEEK!



I — I think Aunt
Hilda must be quite
badly hurt. We're
trapped down
here, Barbie.

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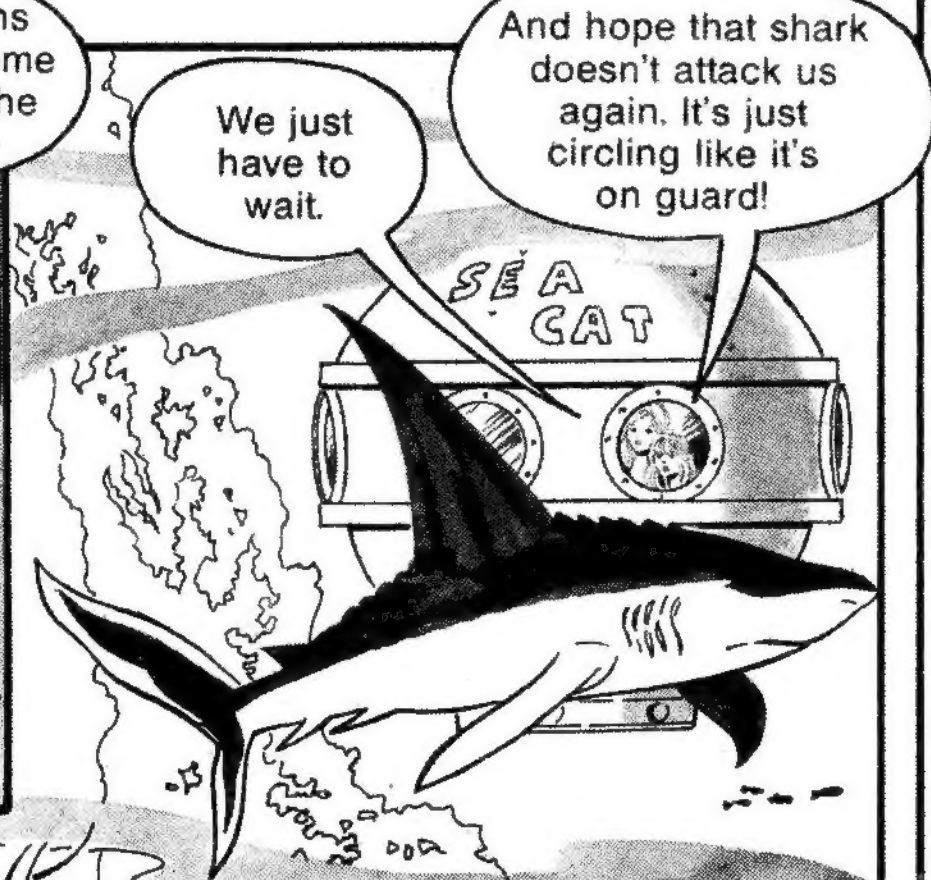


Aunt said to hit this red knob if there was any trouble.



It's pulsing with a red glow.

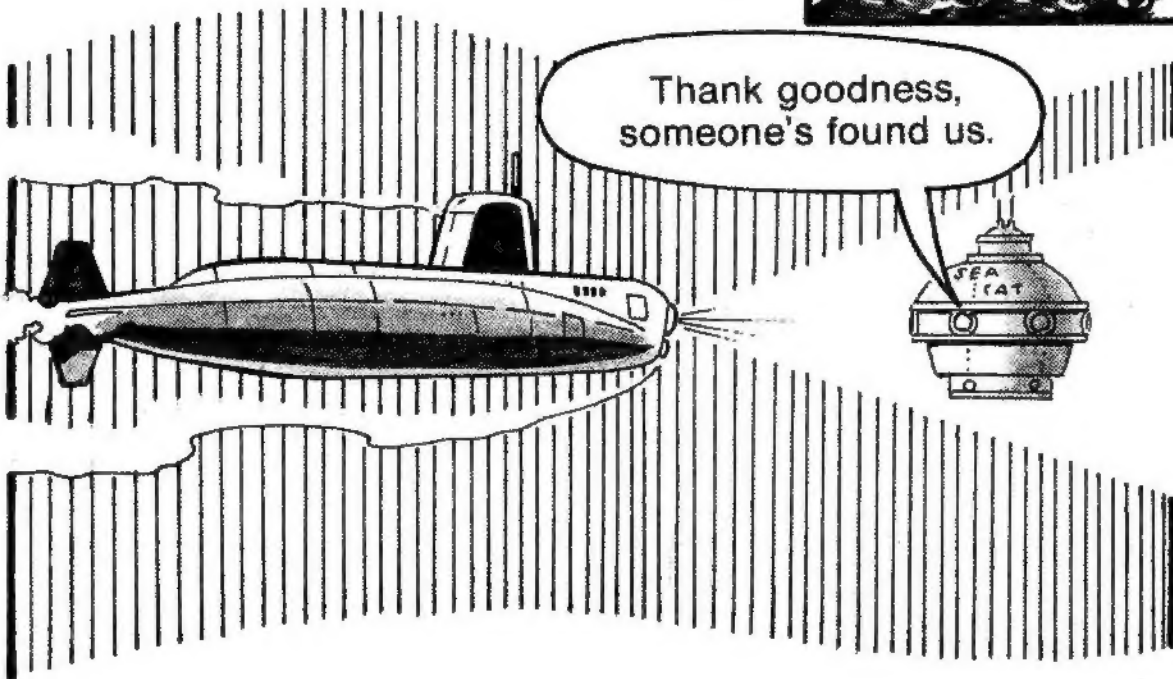
Maybe that means it's sending out some sort of signal to the Mother-ship!



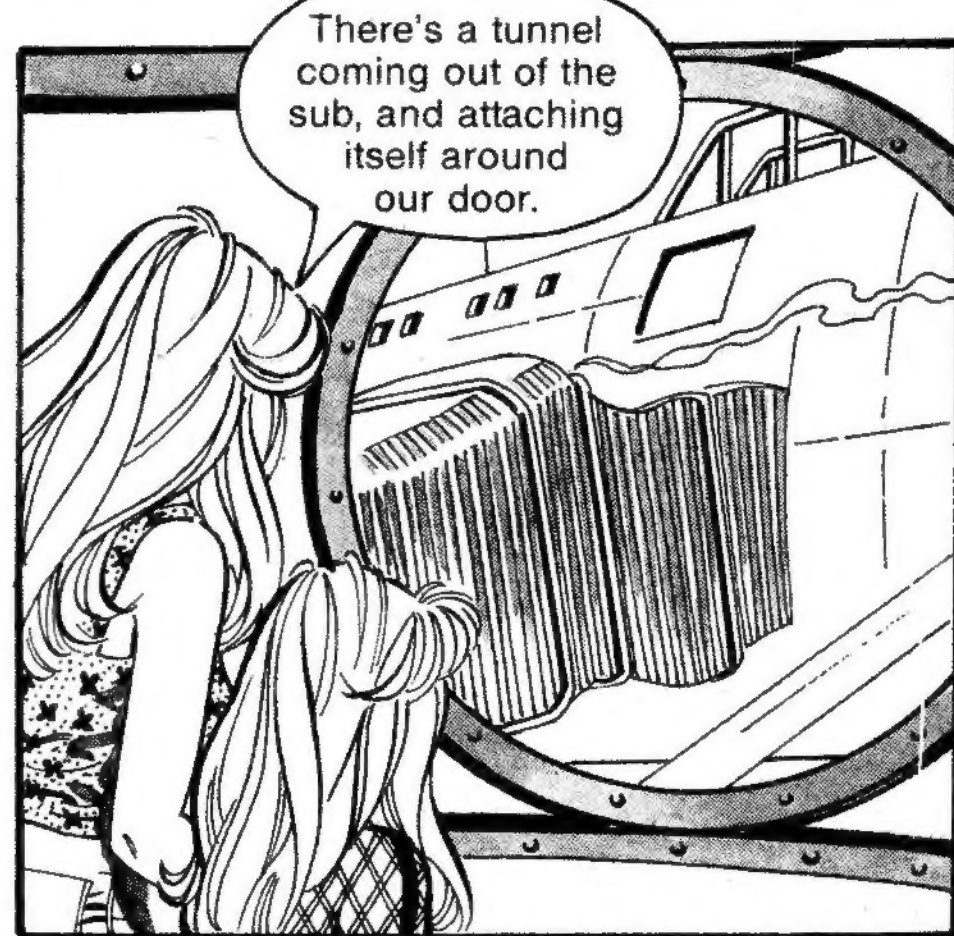
We just have to wait.

And hope that shark doesn't attack us again. It's just circling like it's on guard!

The minutes ticked past slowly until...



Thank goodness, someone's found us.



There's a tunnel coming out of the sub, and attaching itself around our door.

The tunnel made a watertight seal around the door, and then...



Are we glad to see you! Please help Aunt Hilda. She's been hurt.



He wants us to go into the other craft, Skipper. Then I expect he'll bring Aunt Hilda.



Barbie! He's closing the door on the Sea-Cat, with Aunt Hilda still inside. He's leaving her behind.

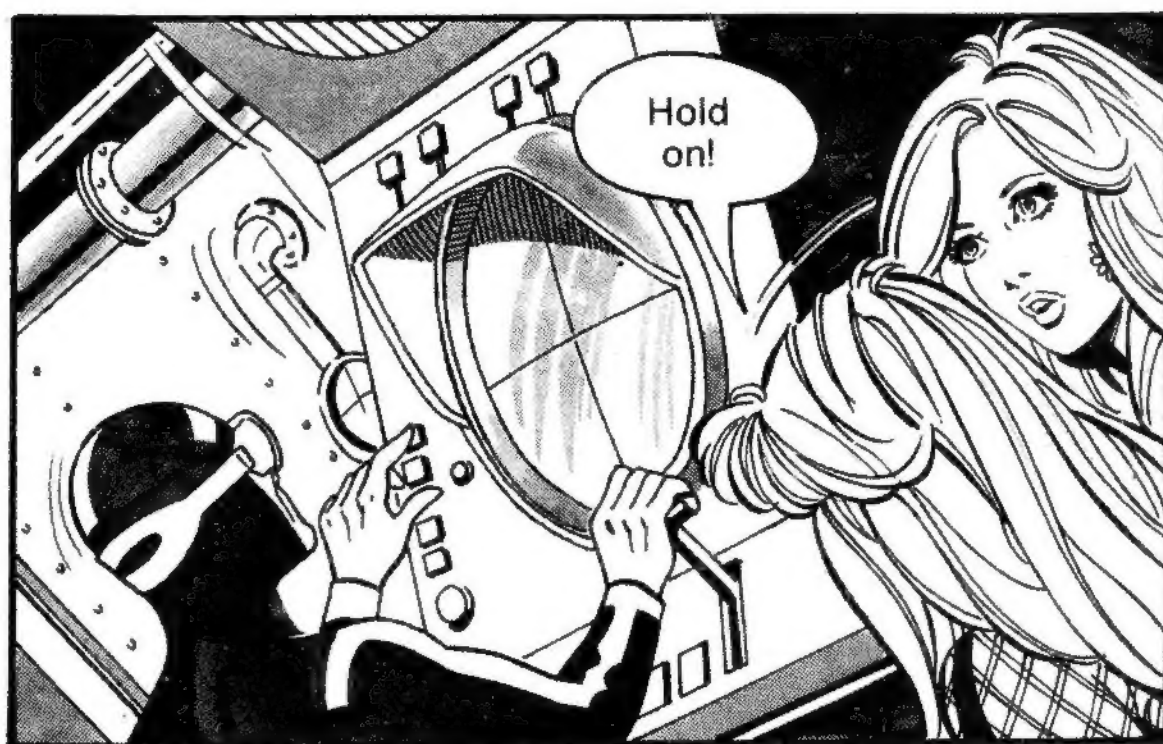
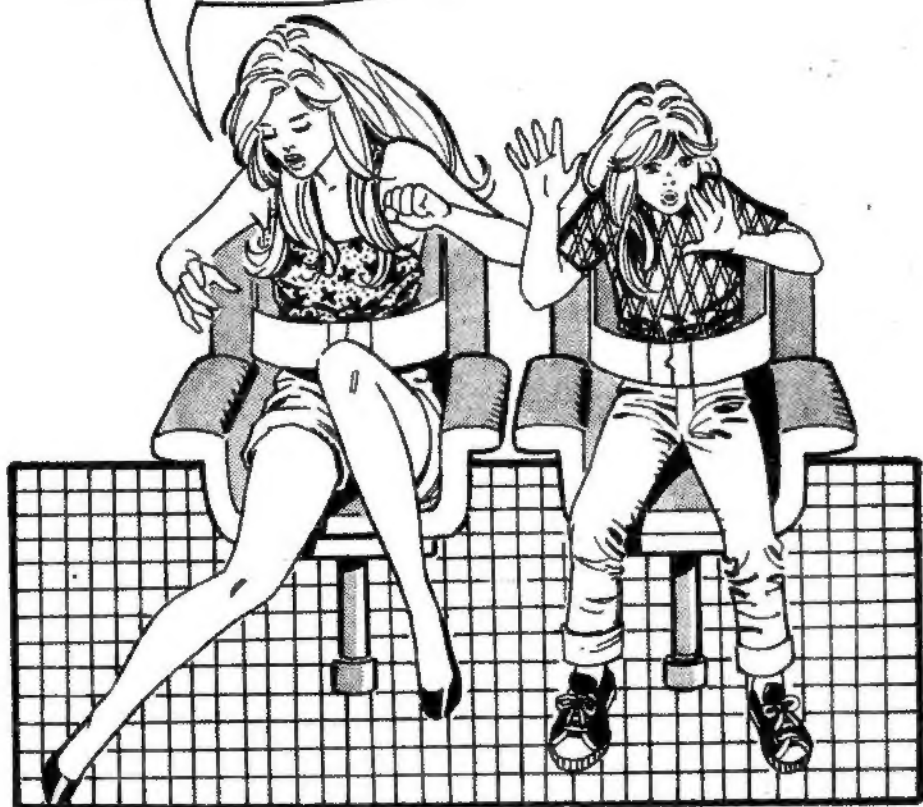


What's going on?

Their 'rescuer' motioned them to sit down. ...

We don't want to sit down until you tell us what you're going to do about Aunt Hilda!

I can't undo this safety belt! It locked automatically.



Hold on!

Down and down — until there was a huge black hole in the rocky sea-bed. What lay beyond for Barbie and Skipper. . .?



We're not being taken back to the surface — we're going down even deeper.

What peril lies ahead for Barbie and Skipper? Find out in the next exciting instalment!

Assignment Hawaii

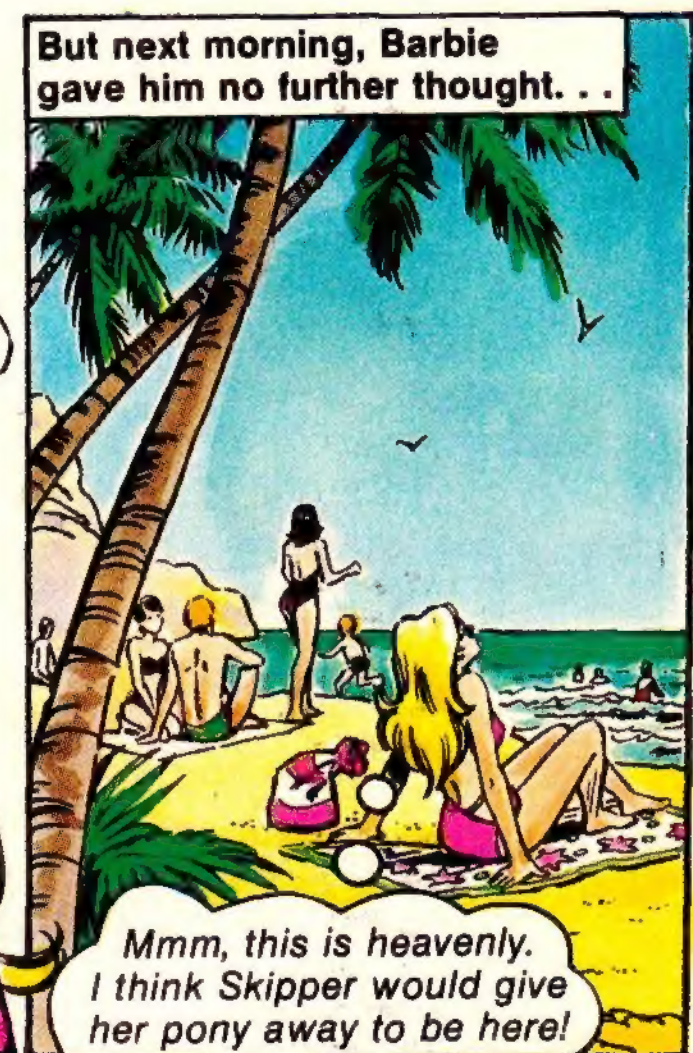
Aloha and
welcome to
Hawaii!

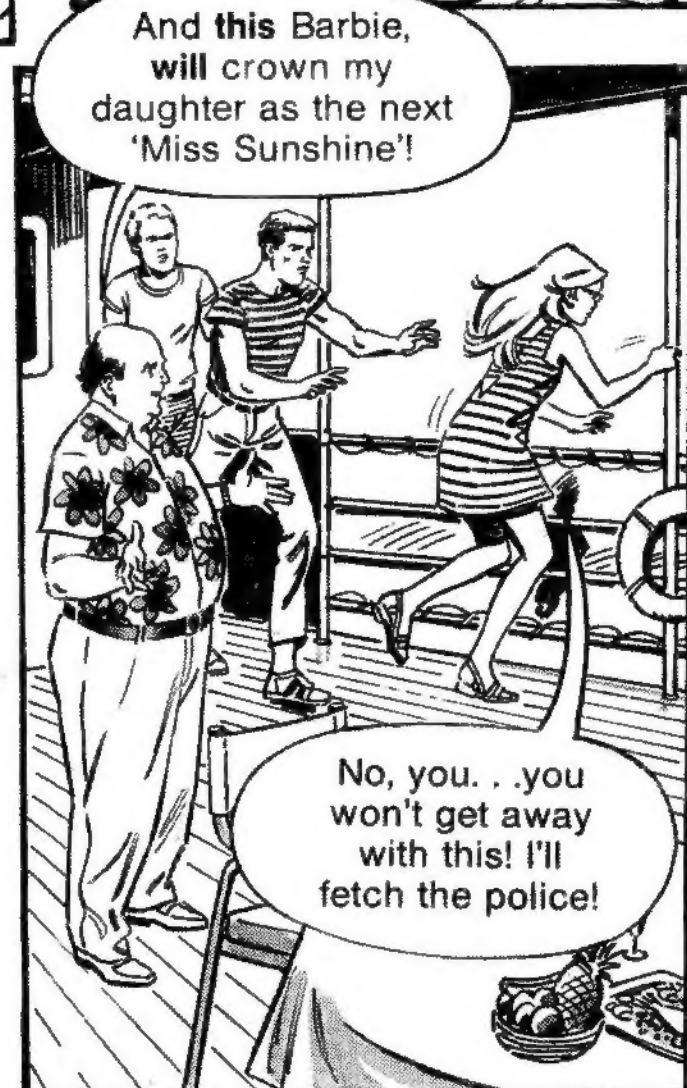
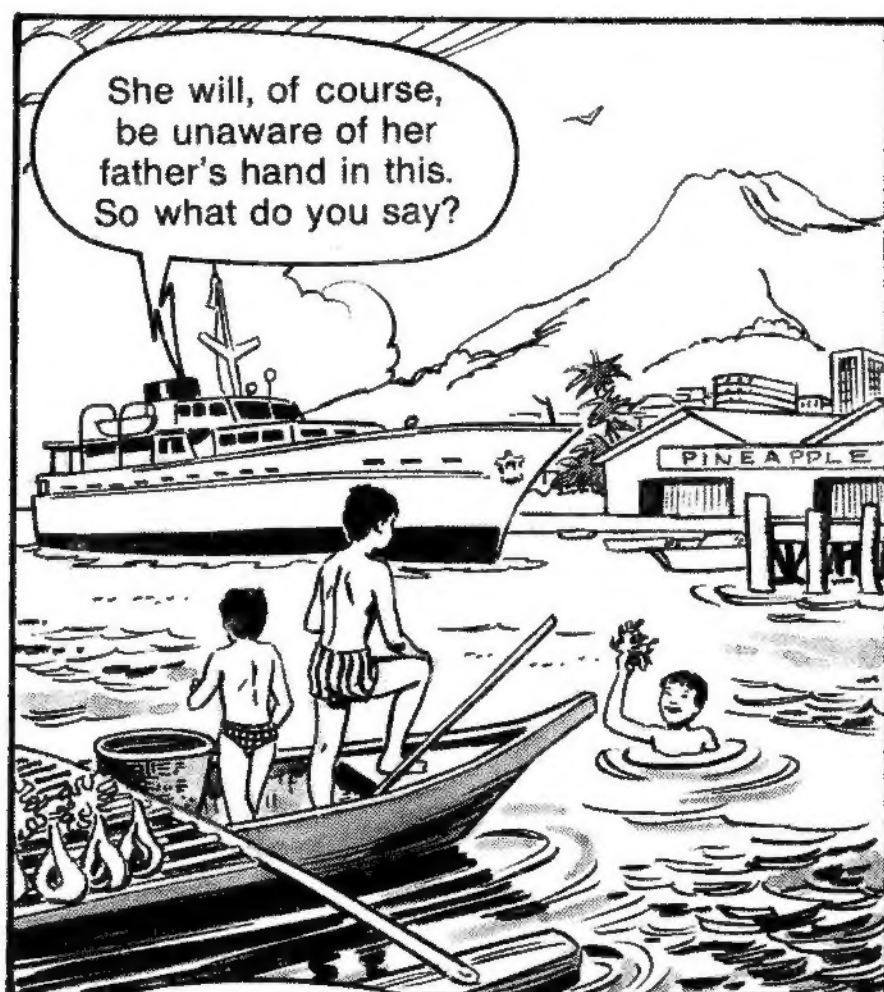
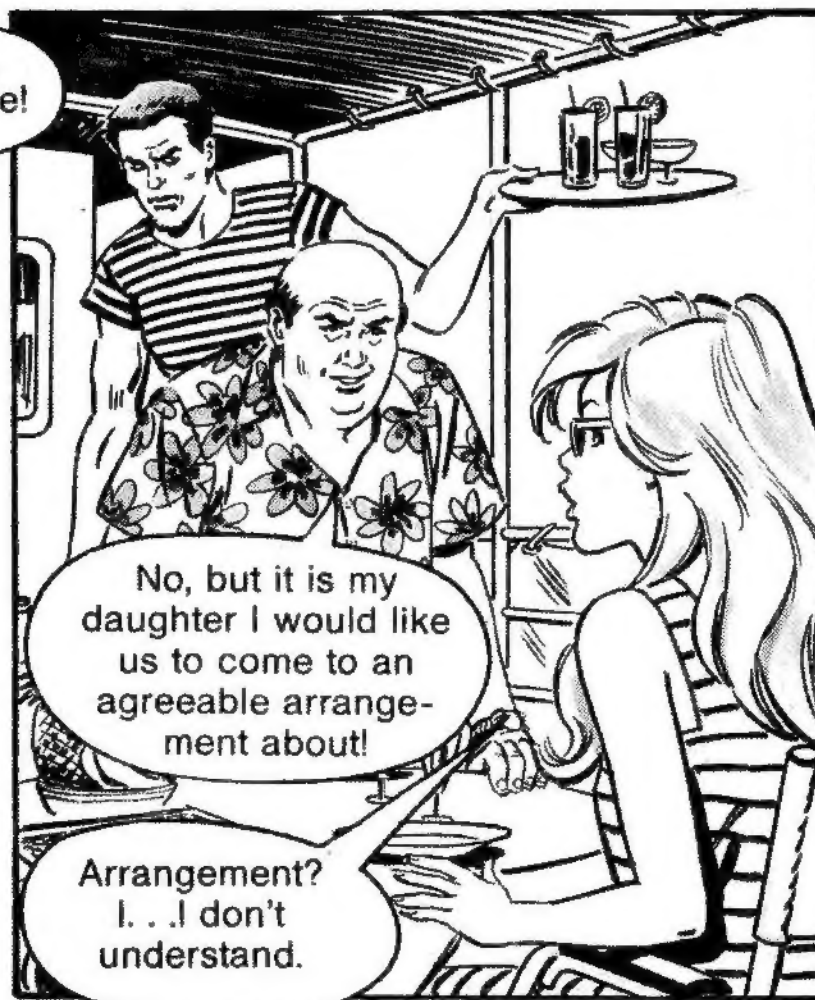
Then, greeted by another friendly voice, excited Barbie soon found herself being whisked away from Honolulu airport on this island of sunshine and strumming guitars. . .

Thank you for
meeting me, Miss
Reynolds. It's lovely
to see you again!

You, too,
my dear!

Hope you didn't mind
me dragging you away
from your busy modelling
assignments, Barbie, to
come here and judge our
'Miss Sunshine' Contest.







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Then grabbing a pineapple from a crate. . .

And bravely, Barbie clambered to safety. . .

CRASH!

The Beauty Contest will have started by now. . . must get there in time to unmask the impostor!

She finally reached Wakaki beach, where. . .

I declare the winner to be Number Seven — Tina King!

Oh, thank you, Barbie.

No! Stop! She's not Barbie — I am!

Me, Miss Reynolds — see! Tina's father hired this girl to deceive you all and pick his daughter to be 'Miss Sunshine'!

OHH!

Oh, my goodness! Two Barbies??! But which is the real one?

Oh, no! How. . . how could you be so dishonest, father?

You. . . you've spoilt it all for me, and I never want to see another beauty contest, or you, ever again!

Oh, Barbie, who could've guessed this would turn out to be such an unhappy event?

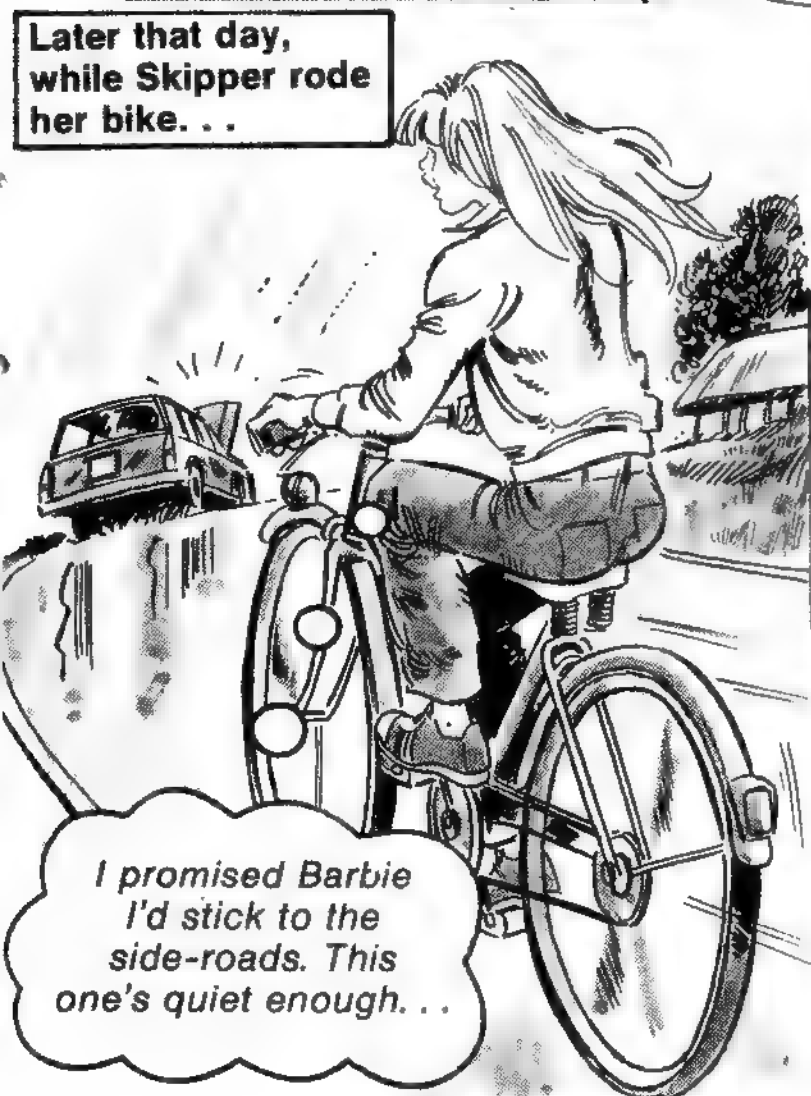
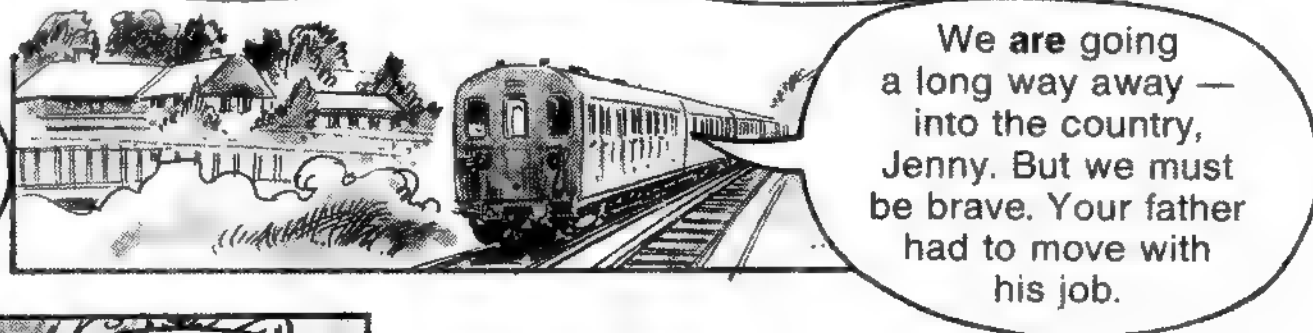
And the saddest part is, I would have chosen poor Tina anyway!

the end

Barbie's next assignment takes her to Switzerland — and great danger in the Alps!

Skipper's friends

The Birds



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I had my mind on fixing my car. The engine has cut out — just when I have to collect my family from the station.



I moved in here a week ahead of them to try and get things straight. It's been so hectic. They're due any time.

I'm sure my sister, Barbie, will help. After all, we are near-neighbours!

Sorry — I really have to dash. Perhaps another time.



So...

It's very kind of you... there they are!

No problem! The taxis are always taken in this weather. But we'll have to make a couple of trips.



Eventually...

Do at least stop for a cup of tea.

By the way, I'm Chris Bird. This is my daughter, Jenny — and her brother, Robin.



Please let Skipper stay — er... that is, if she wants to.

Great!



So...

I'd love to look around with you. But let's keep out from under your parents' feet.

There's not much to see — it's a bit of a dump! Not like where we used to live!



You wait! You'll find there's lots to do. Let's look in this old shed.

Ohhhh!

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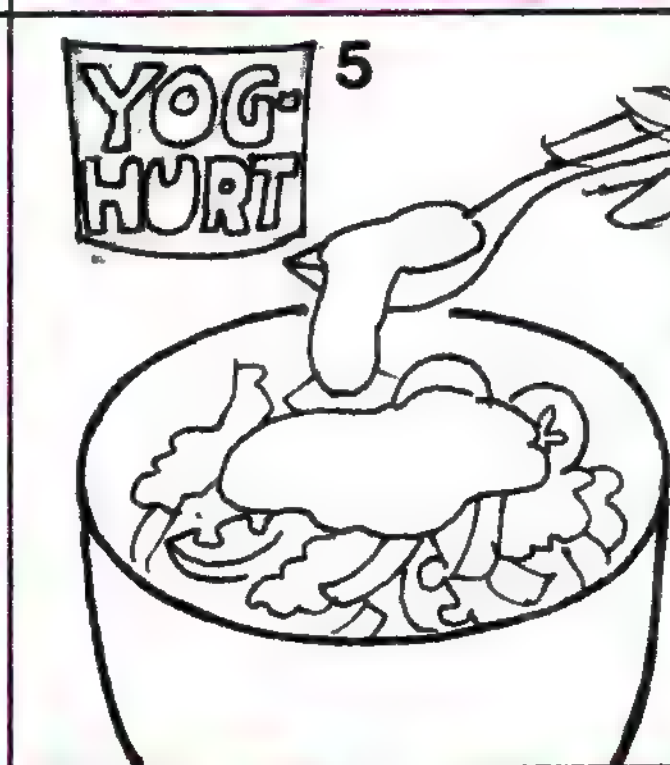
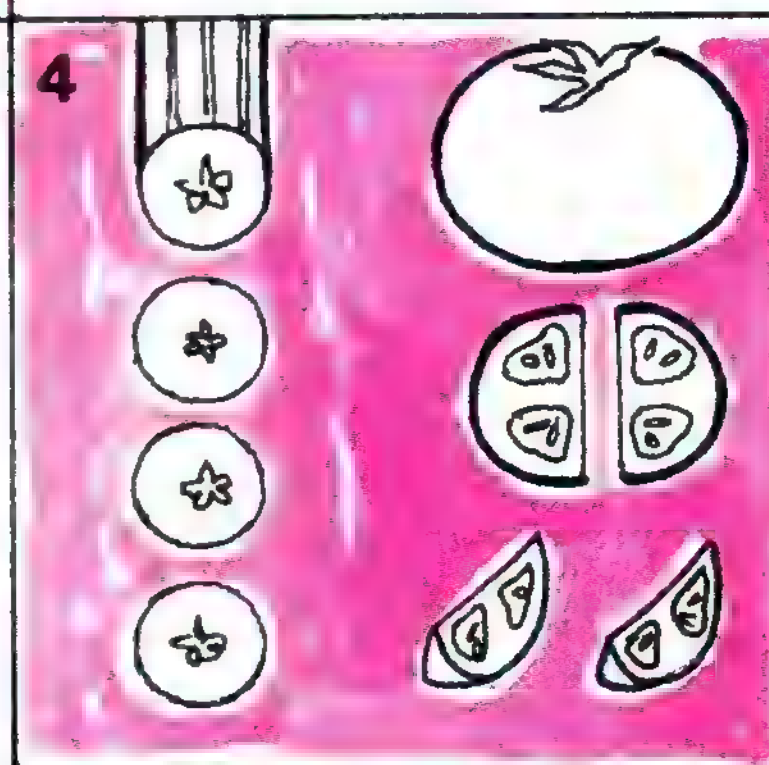
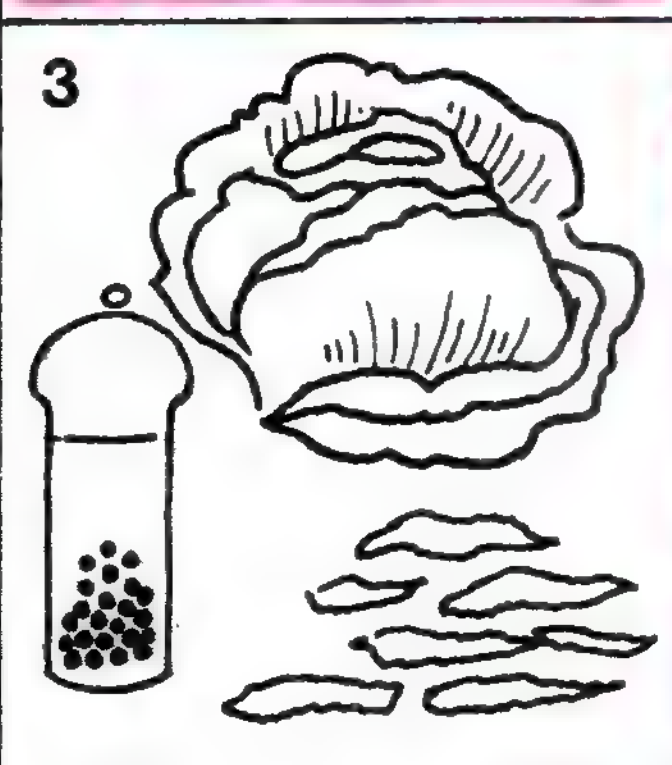
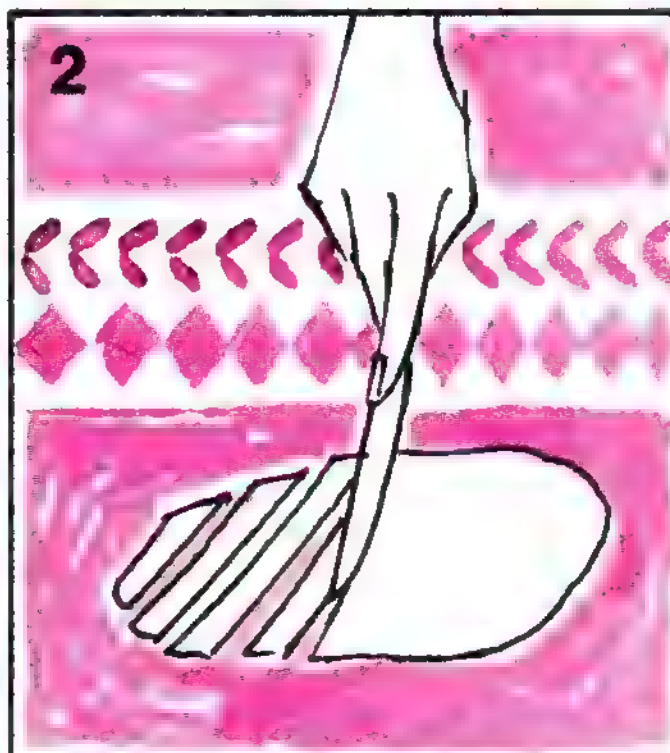
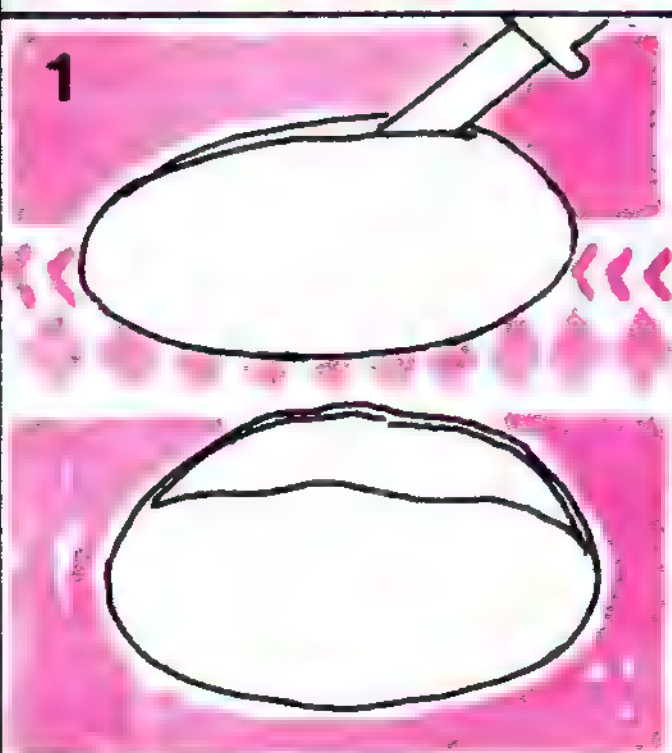
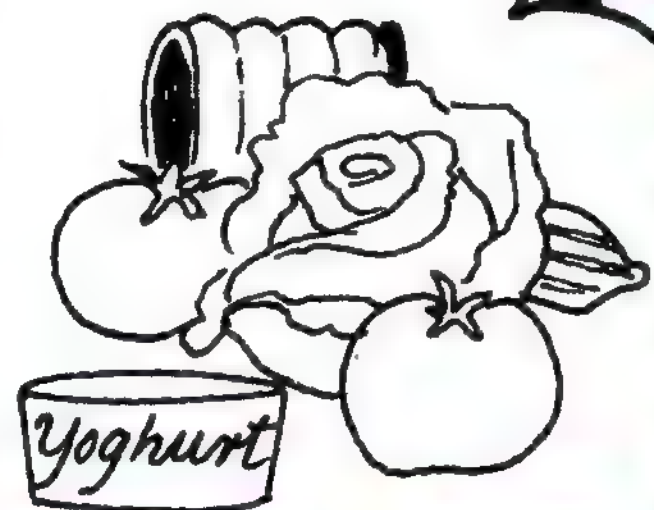
Pitta Parcels

Pitta Parcels are tasty and filling and perfect for a snack or picnic

What you need: 4 pitta breads, 225g cold roast beef or other cooked cold meat, 4 large lettuce leaves, 4 thick slices of cucumber, 2 tomatoes, 4 x 15ml (4 tablespoons) natural yoghurt, salt and pepper.

What you do:

1. With a round-bladed knife, cut each pitta along one side only to make a pocket.
2. Cut the cold meat into long, thin strips and place it in a mixing bowl.
3. Cut the lettuce into long, thin shreds and put with meat in bowl.
4. Cut the cucumber slices into quarters. Cut the tomatoes into wedges and add both to the mixing bowl.
5. Spoon the yoghurt over the things in the bowl and add a pinch of salt and pepper. Stir everything together until it is well mixed.
6. Hold each pitta parcel in one hand so the opening gapes and spoon filling in with your other hand.



Barbie's

TOP of the POPS

Howard Jones

Age: 28

Star sign: Pisces

Favourite holiday: No time for holidays!

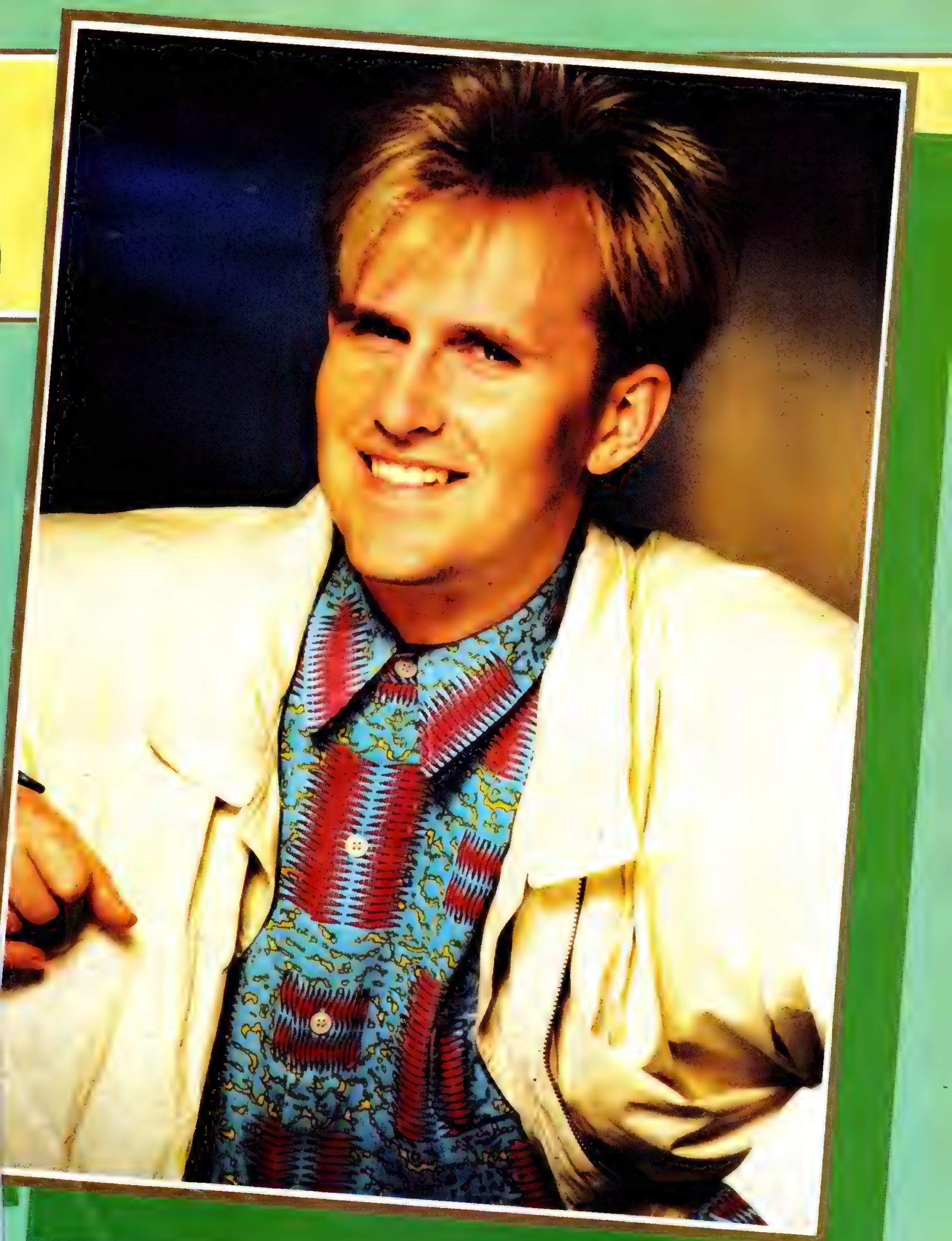
Favourite record: 'Imagine' by John Lennon

Wife's name: Jan

Favourite subject at school: Geography

Pets: A dog called Benny and a cat called Puss

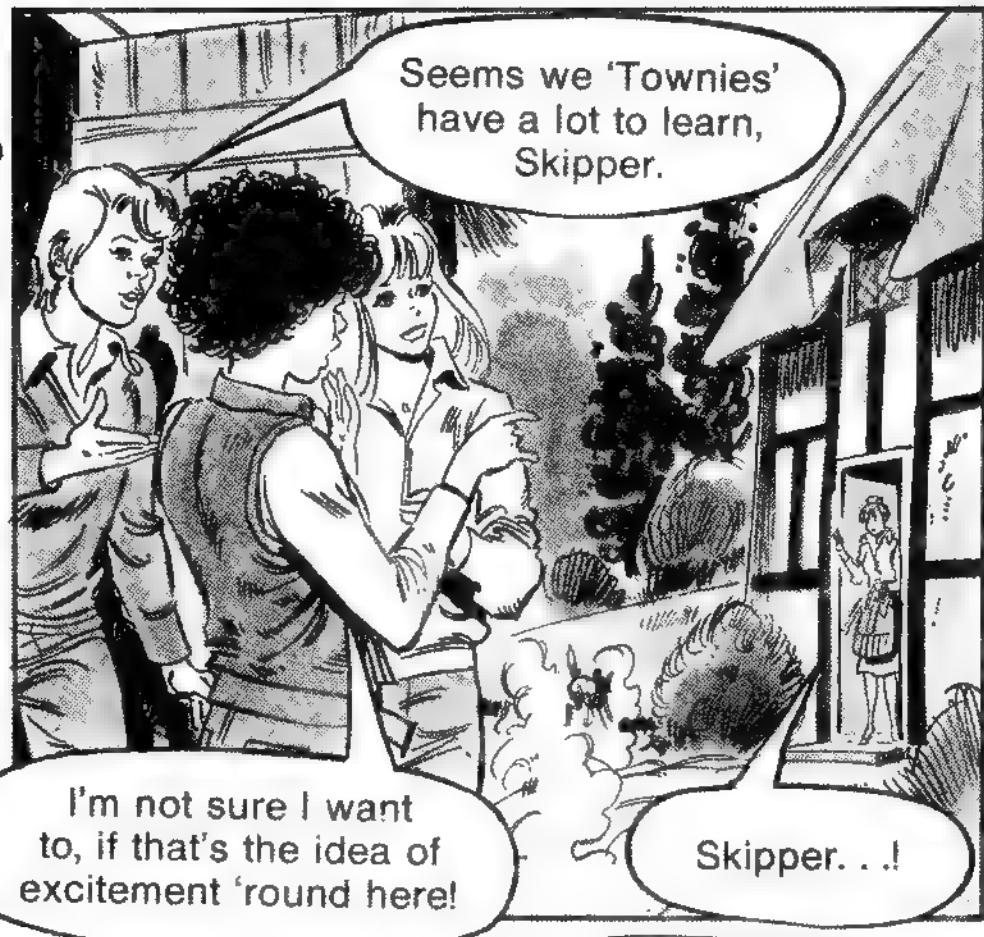






A wild animal!
It might bite. . . !

It's only a fox.
A vixen, I think. She's
more startled than
you are!



Seems we 'Townies'
have a lot to learn,
Skipper.

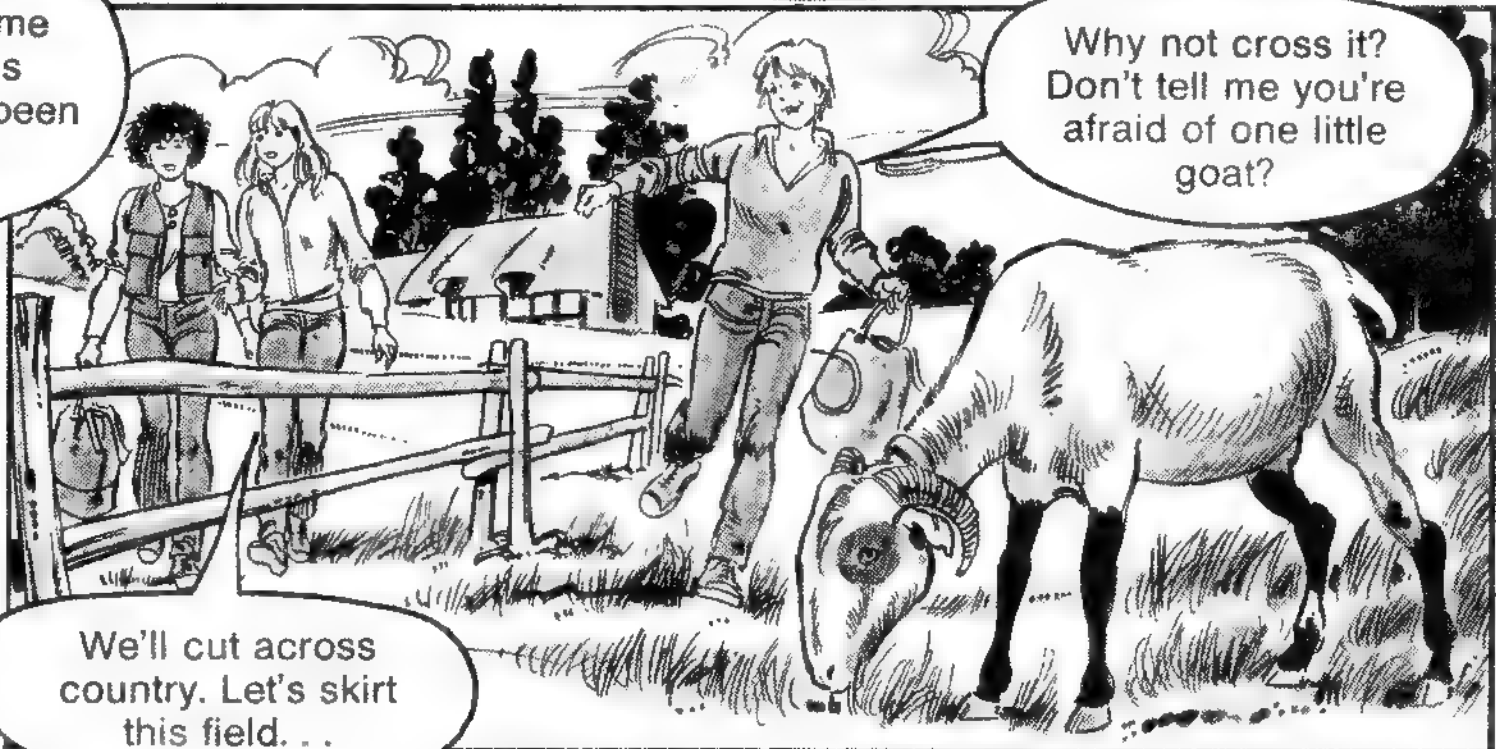
I'm not sure I want
to, if that's the idea of
excitement 'round here!

Skipper. . . !



Is there a launderette
nearby? It would save me
a job if Jenny took this
washing. My husband's been
fending for himself,
all week.

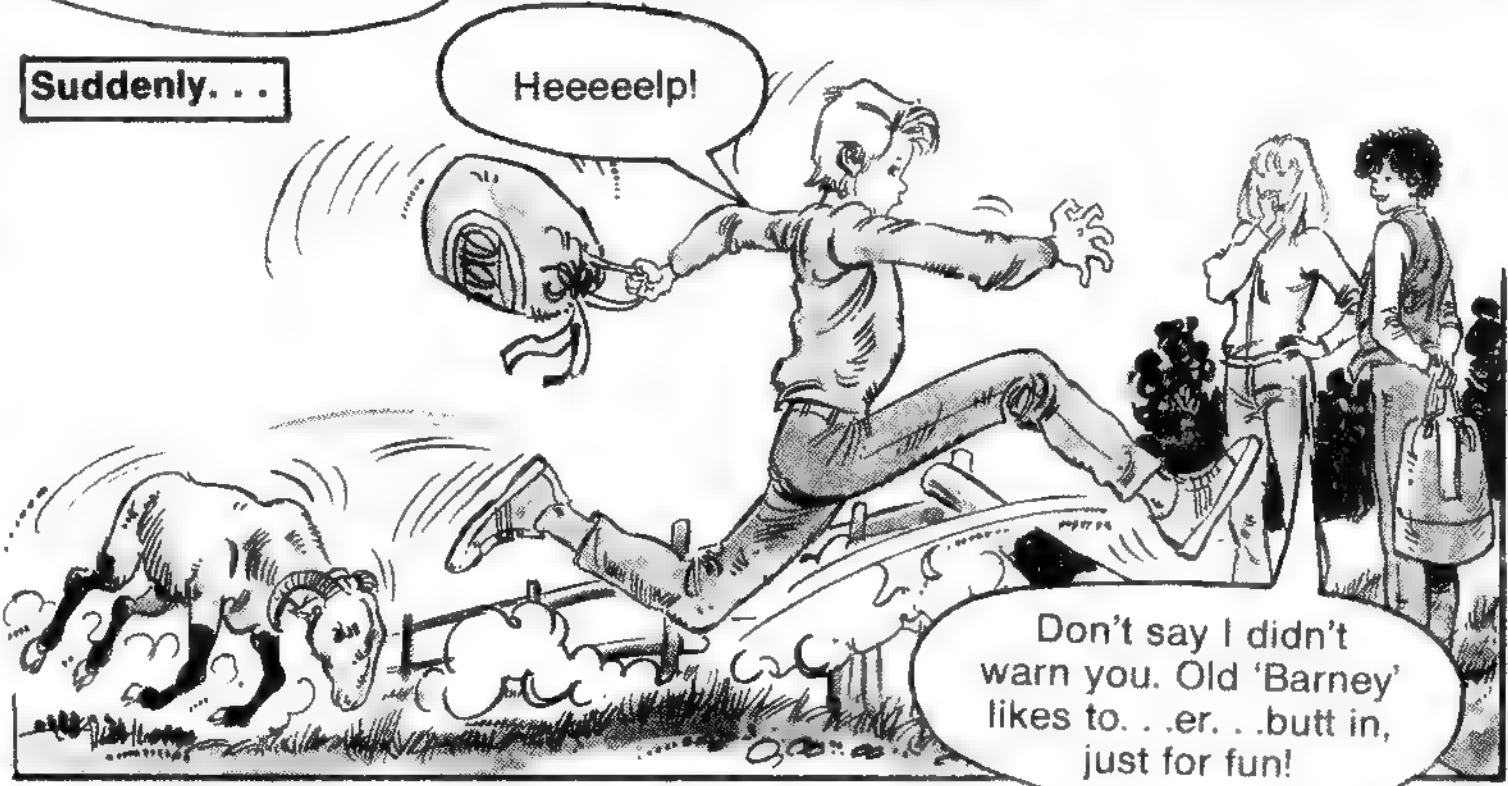
I'll show you the
way. It's not far. . .



Why not cross it?
Don't tell me you're
afraid of one little
goat?

We'll cut across
country. Let's skirt
this field. . .

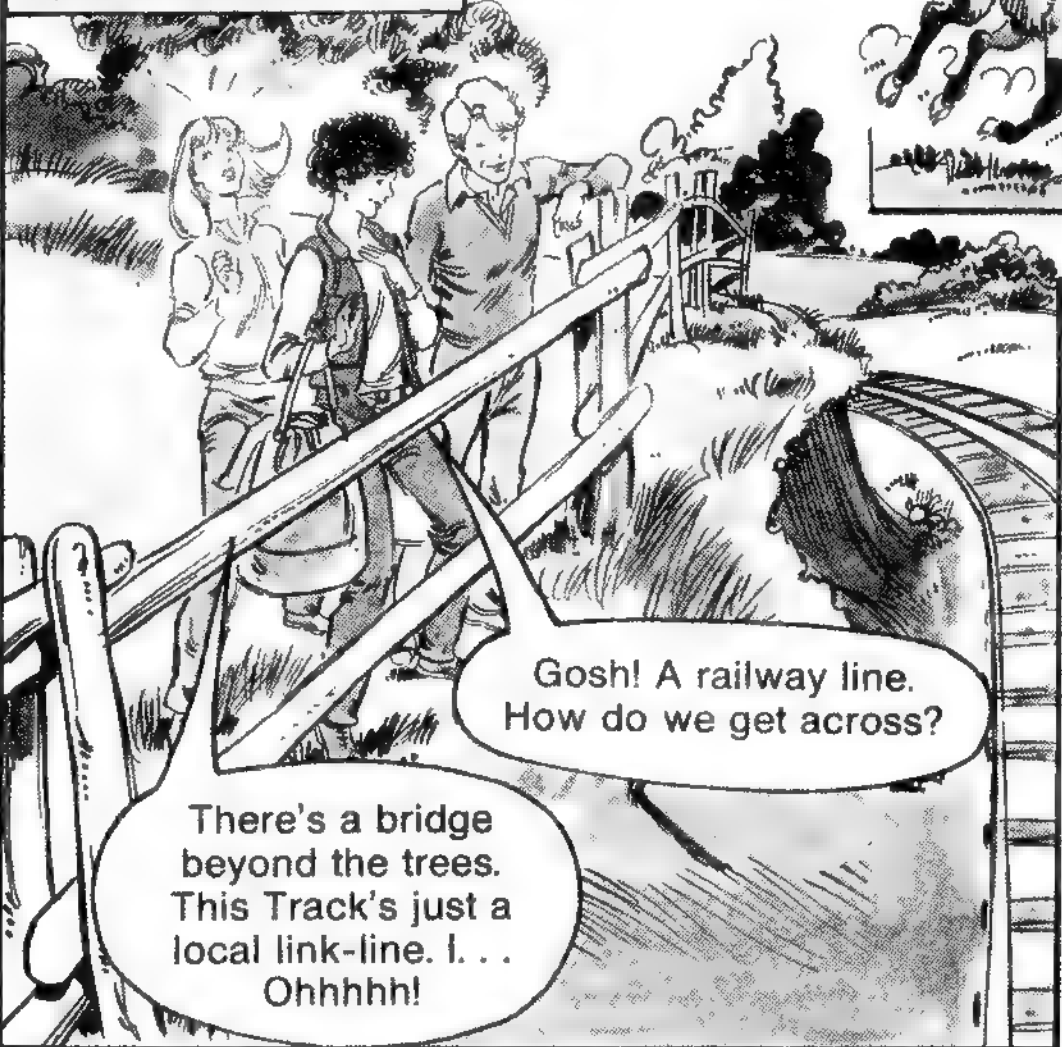
Suddenly. . .



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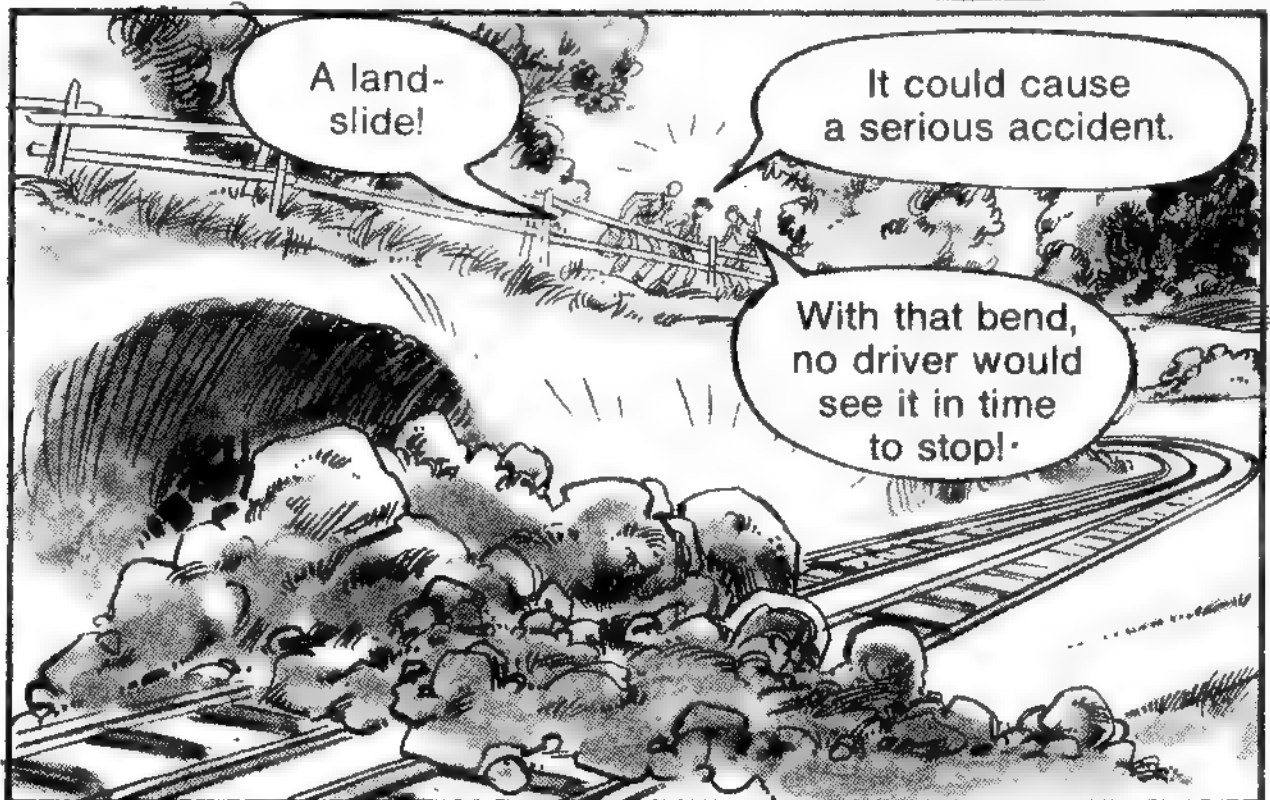
Don't say I didn't
warn you. Old 'Barney'
likes to. . . er. . . butt in,
just for fun!

Across the meadow. . .



Gosh! A railway line.
How do we get across?

There's a bridge
beyond the trees.
This Track's just a
local link-line. I. . .
Ohhhhh!



A land-
slide!

It could cause
a serious accident.

With that bend,
no driver would
see it in time
to stop!



It's nearly four o'clock. I'm sure a train's due very soon!

Skipper, what can we do?

Jenny and Robin soon did. All three raced to the bridge...



I was right! here comes a train... now, the sheet...

It's a great idea, Skipper. It must work!

My friend, Ken, covered the story. Jenny and Robin are local celebrities already!

Several days later...



Hey, don't forget me, Barbie!



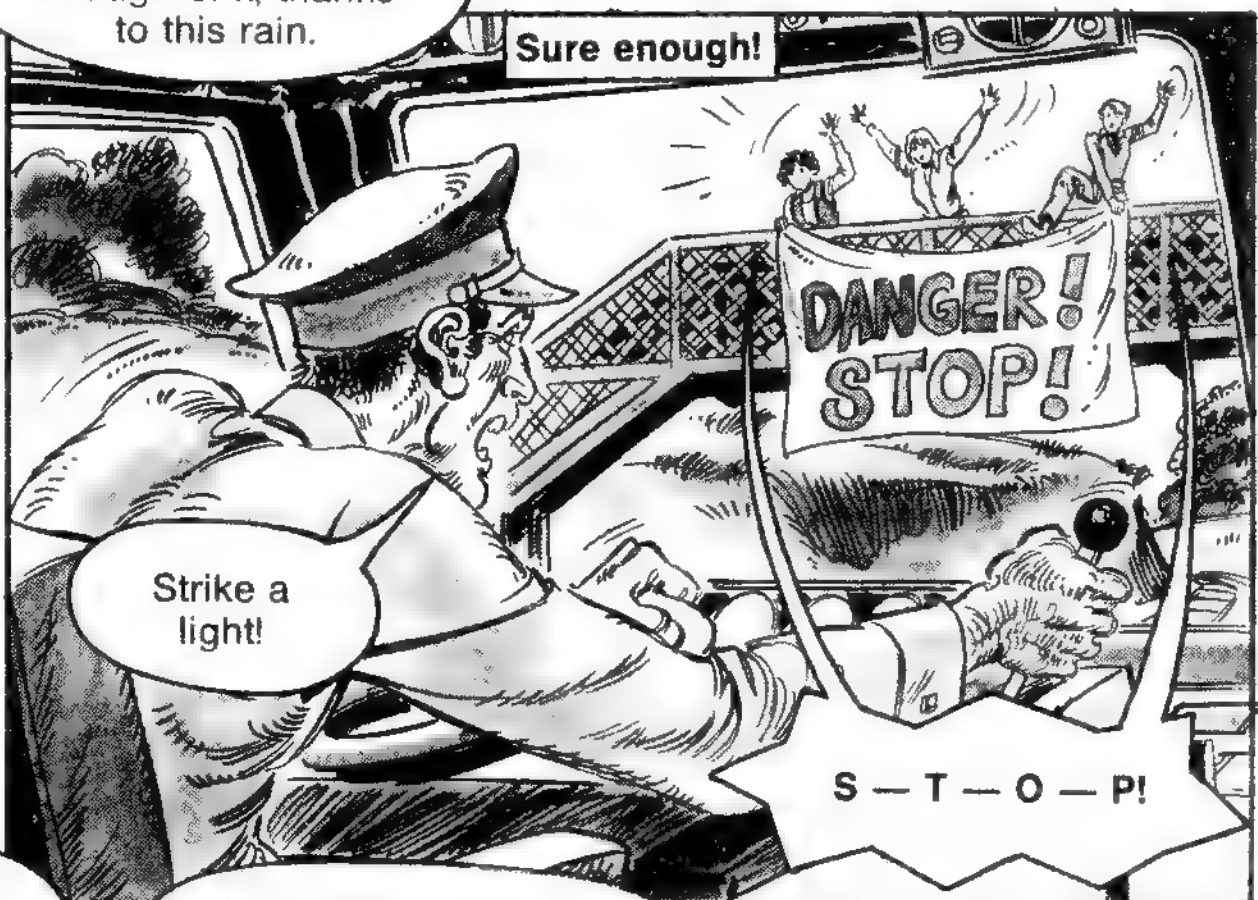
There's no time to reach a phone. Quick — that washing. I wonder...?

What are you looking for? How can this help?



It's our only hope! Now, we need some mud — there's enough of it, thanks to this rain.

Skipper — please! I don't understand...



Sure enough!

Strike a light!

I was wrong — things definitely aren't going to be dull — and I've found a friend, already. Right, Skipper?



We all have. I hope she's going to become like one of the family...

Just try and keep me away!

When Mrs. Bird's ring goes missing — Skipper catches a strange thief!

Yesterday's Dreams

part two

With Skipper and Ken, Barbie is working on a forthcoming fashion calendar in the grounds of a long-closed film studio. But a mysterious stranger is watching their every move!

Ken!
Skipper!

It's Barbie — coming back
through the old Western
film set!

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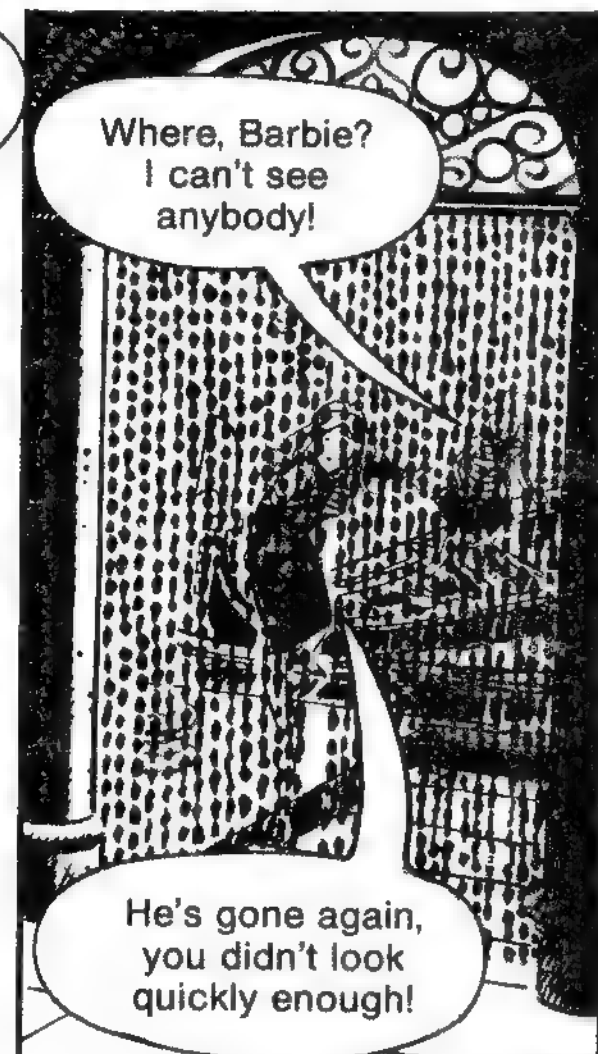
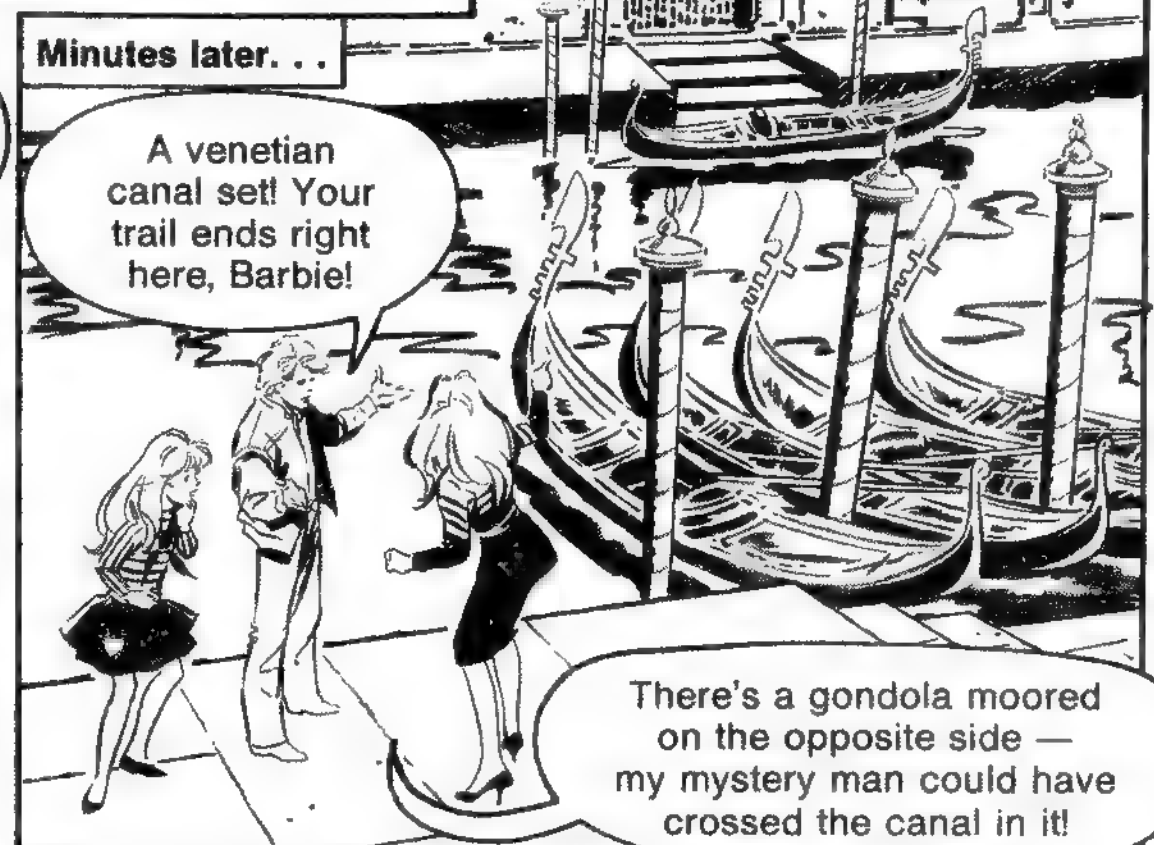
Heavens, you're
in a state! What
is it, honey?

Th-The prowler!
I-I saw him again,
Ken, I'm sure
I did!

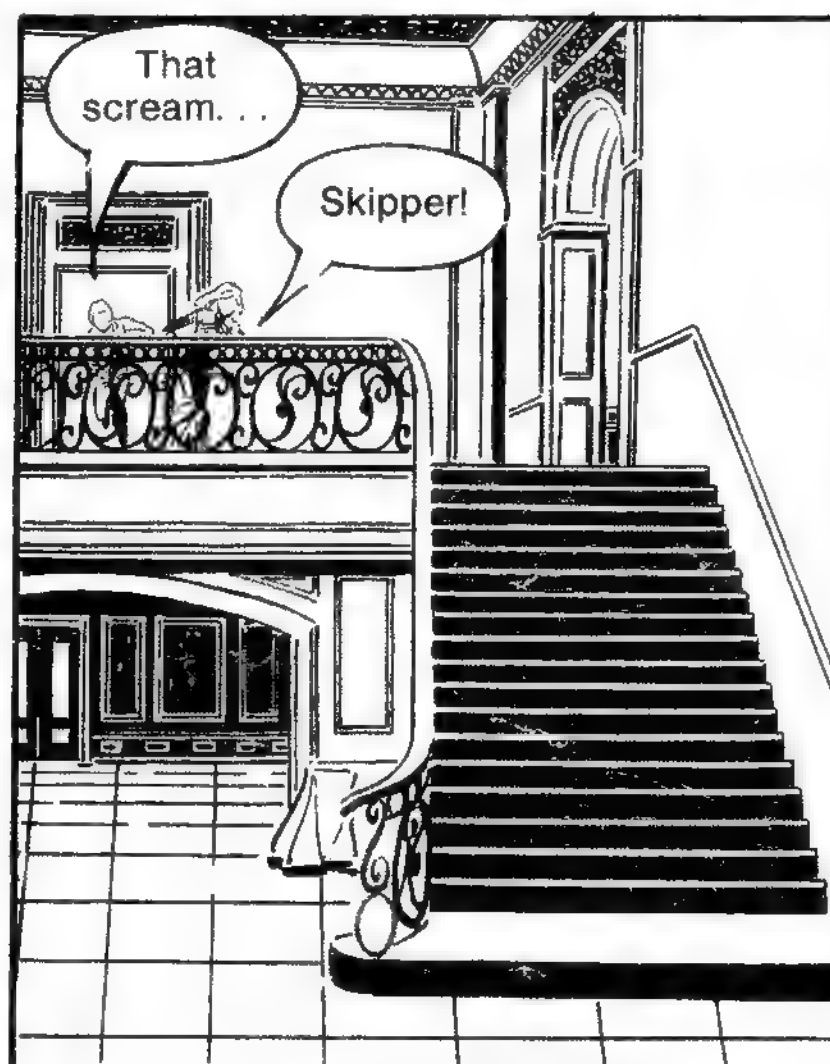
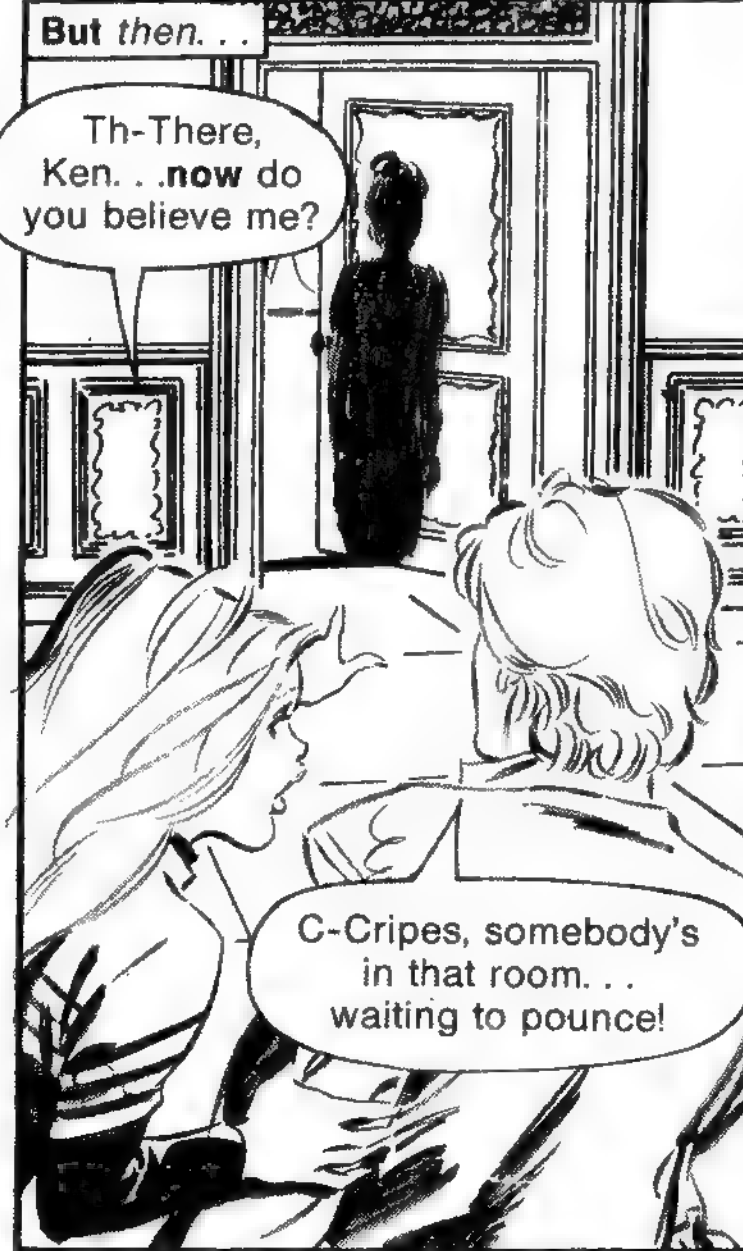
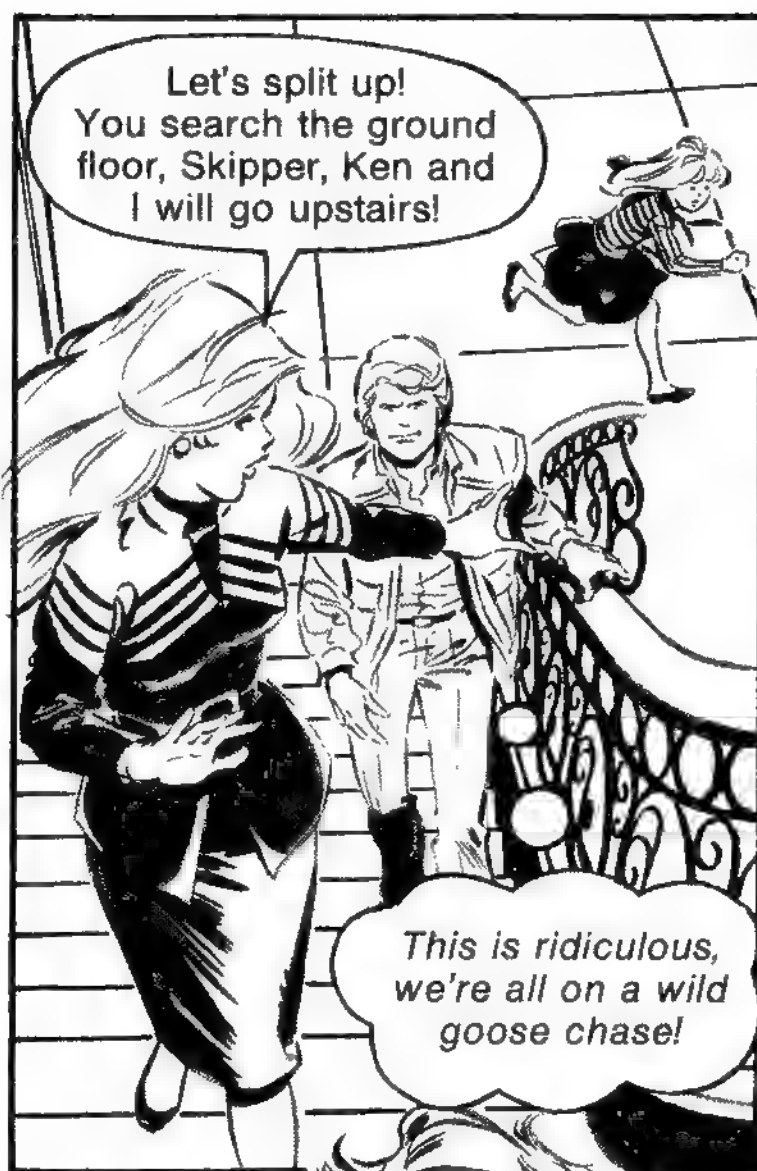
"...When the wind machine
blew my hat off, I saw a hand
...then someone's shadow
in the bushes..."

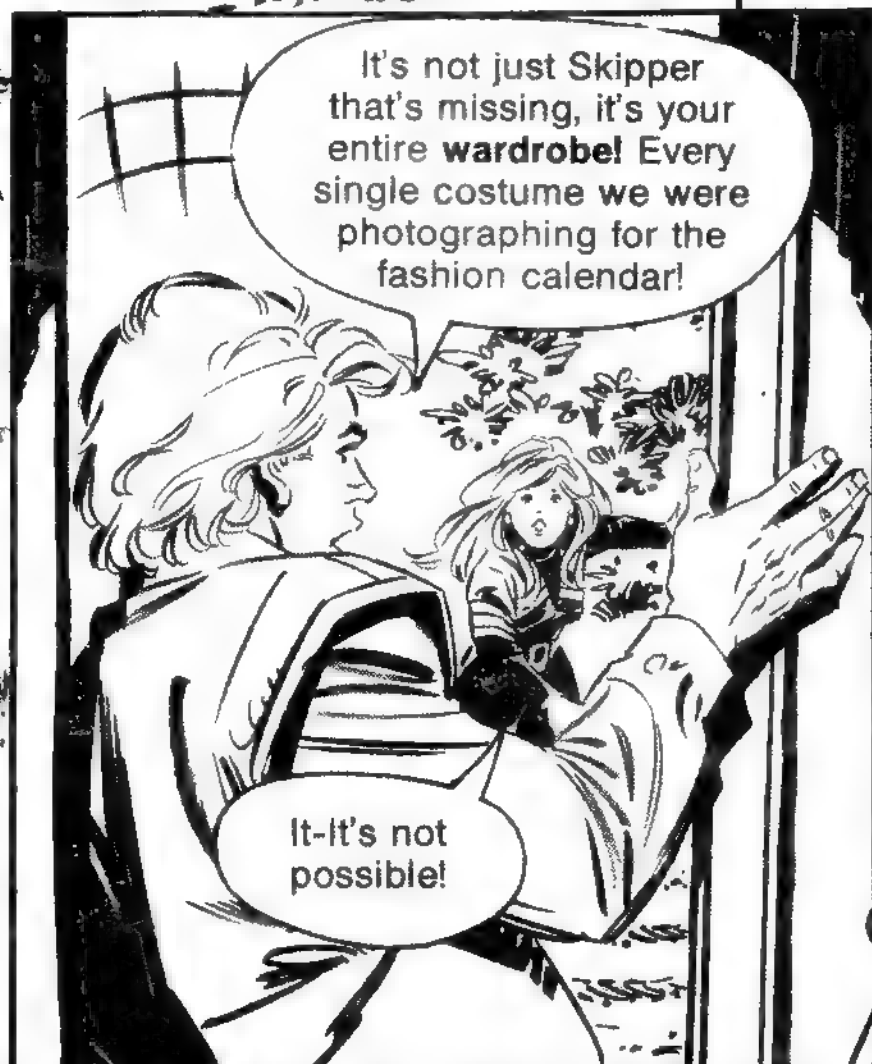
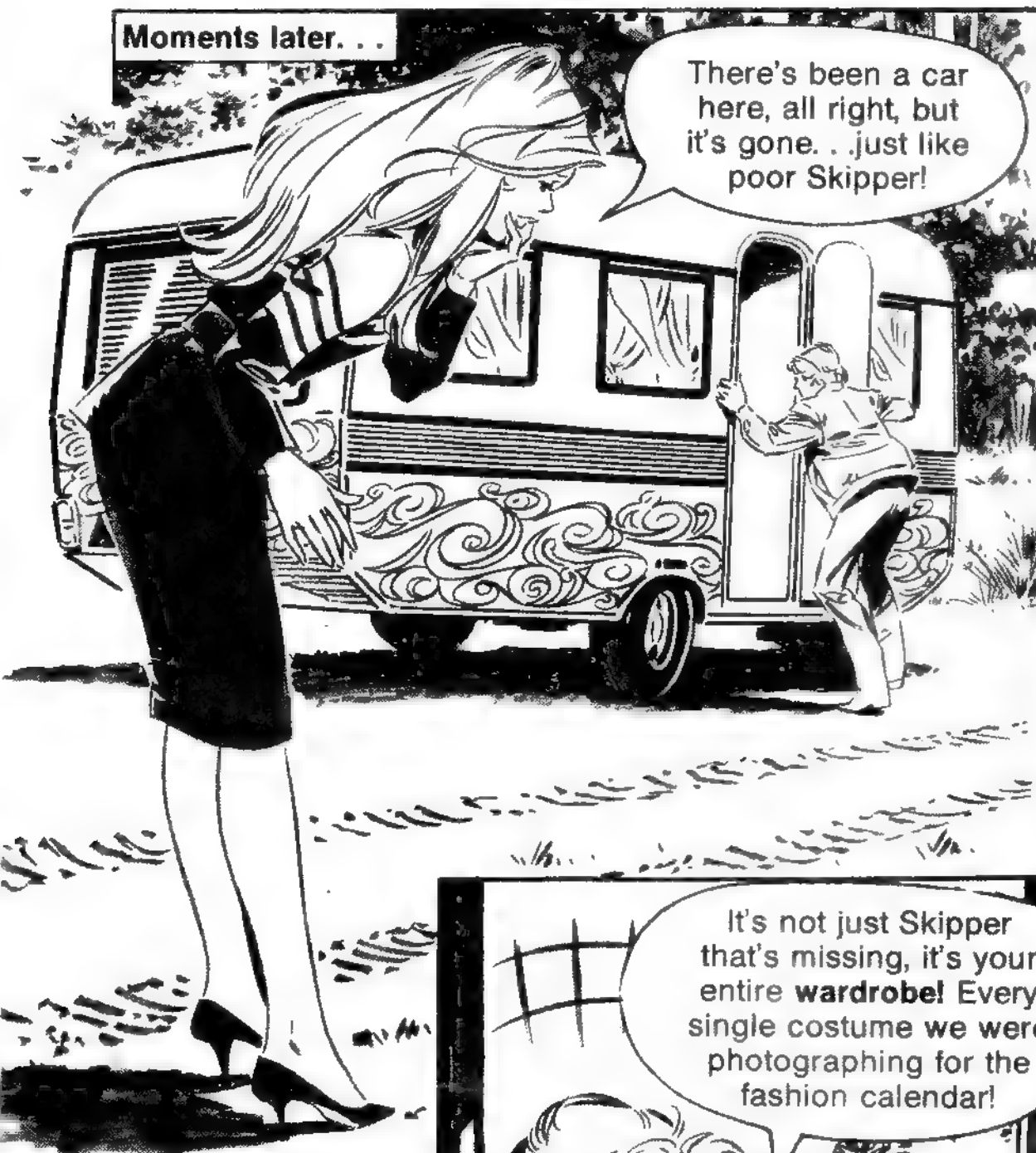
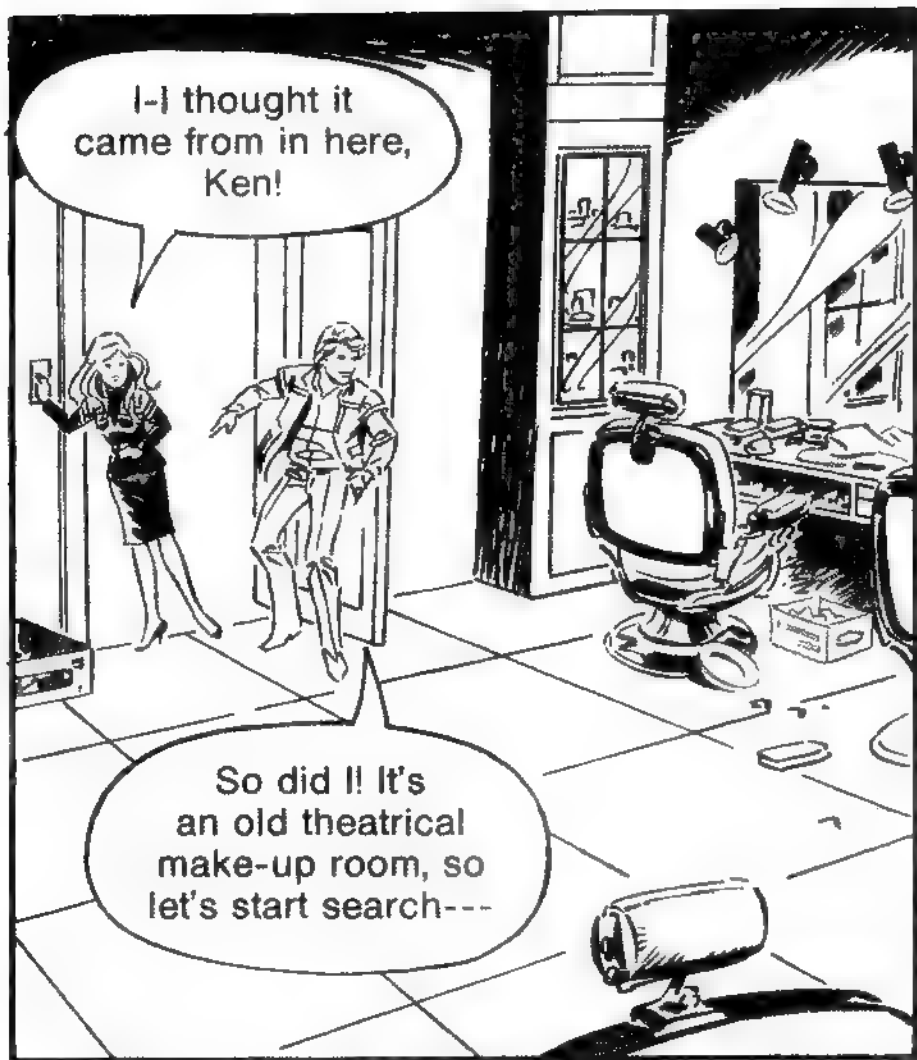
But now this mystery
man of yours has
disappeared again,
right?

Yes, I started
to chase him,
but —



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Who has taken Barbie's clothes – and where is Skipper? Don't miss the final part in Barbie 9!

Cats

BARBIE loves to cuddle her kitten 'Fluff' — who thinks it's a purrrfect treat, too! Of course, cats make delightful and popular pets. Did you know they were a favourite household pet of the Egyptians who first domesticated them?

In fact, the cat we know is descended from the wildcat of North Africa — which the ancient Egyptians tamed. They even worshipped cats!

Later, the Egyptian cats spread to Asia and Europe, and interbred with other wildcats. Today's tabby looks very much like his African wildcat ancestor!



10 TIPS ON CAT CARE!

Whether you've a cat or kitten, or are thinking of getting one, you must take great care of it. There are lots of books about this, which you'll probably find at your local library or bookshop. Below, are just some important aspects:-

- 1) An ordinary short-haired cat may be best — as its fur loss will be less noticeable, and it may suffer less from 'fur balling' (see No 9)
- 2) Choose a bright-eyed kitten which looks healthy, lively and not too nervous!
- 3) The kitten should not be under 8 weeks old
- 4) Do play with your cat or kitten, and talk to it. Cats are very intelligent!
- 5) Give your cat a basket. A box will suit a kitten. For bedding, use newspaper — changed each day — or a soft, washable cushion.
- 6) Cats are very clean. Train your kitten to use a cat-box, containing cat-litter, in the house.
- 7) Give your cat a well-balanced diet. As kittens, they need to eat more frequently. Seek detailed advice.
- 8) **Always** ensure there is fresh water. Cats — especially kittens — like milk, too.
- 9) Cats should never need washing. Although they lick themselves, **do** groom them — to help avoid balls of fur in their tummies (i.e. 'fur balling').
- 10) Your kitten/cat should be vaccinated against certain infectious diseases by the local vet or RSPCA clinic.

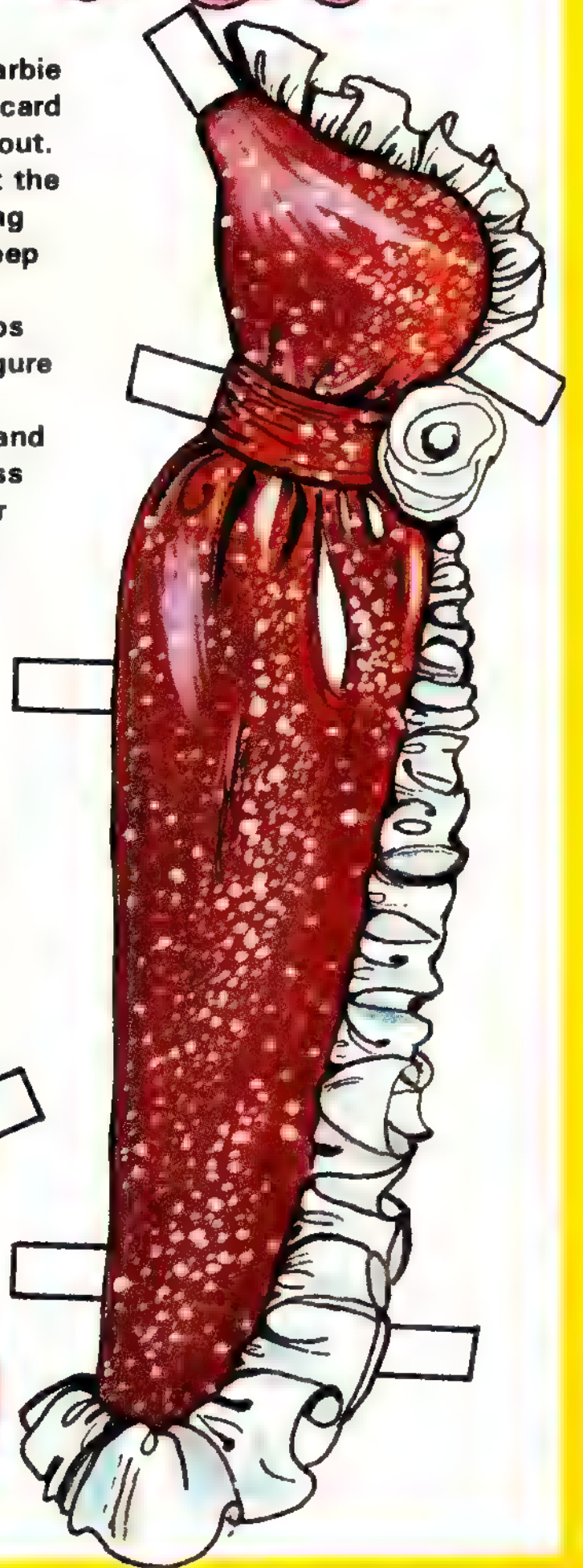
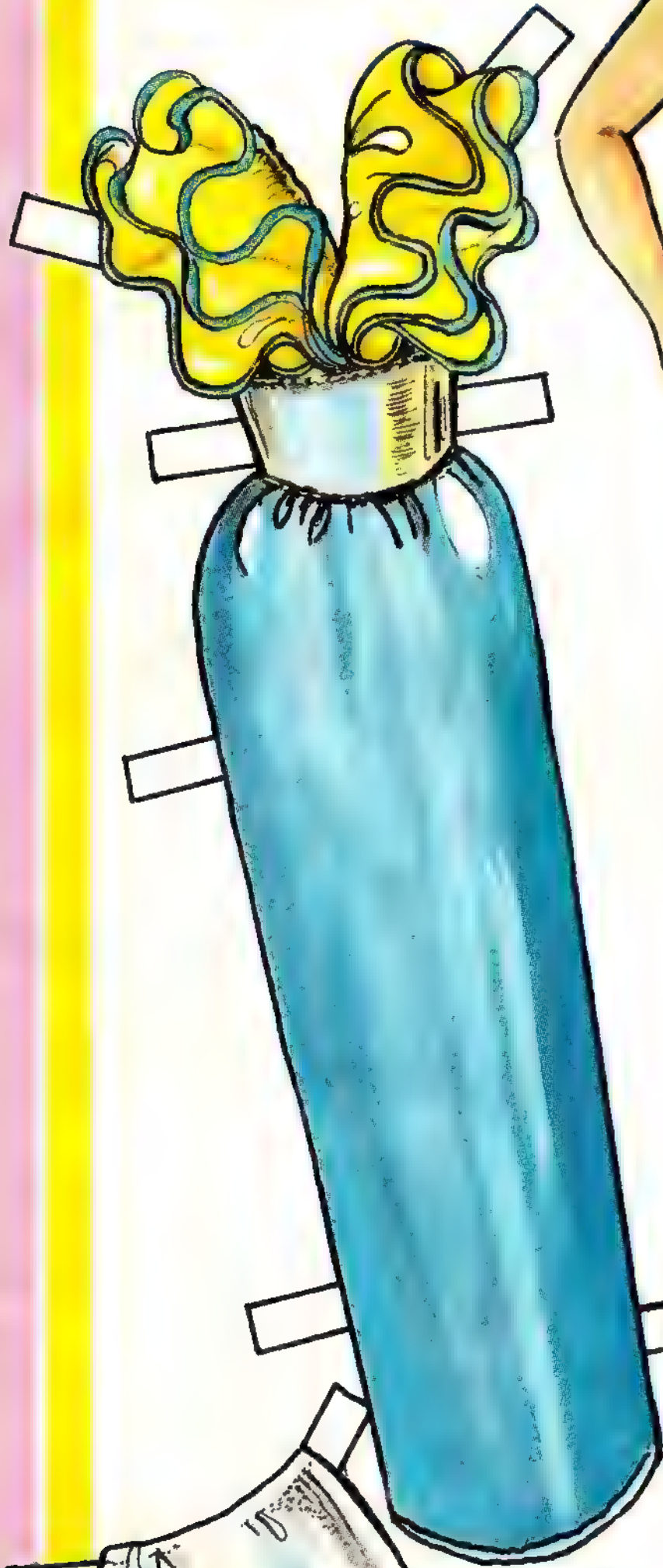
Remember, make sure you really want a kitten or cat as a pet. It's something to discuss with your parents who must agree, too!



Barbie® Fashion



Paste the Barbie figure on to card and cut her out. Now cut out the clothes, being careful to keep the tabs on. Bend the tabs round the figure to keep the clothes on, and you can dress Barbie in her fashionable outfits.



DOG TALES

Meet Rufus



"Hi there, I'm Rufus, Suzy's dog. You may have seen me with Dumpy, her pony."



I met a frog in Dumpy's field the other day. It sat and went, "Gribbit" at me.



What a cheek! Then up it jumped and went racing off in leaps and bounds.



Well, if a frog wants a race, then I will give it a race. Watch out frog!



Suddenly three frogs appeared. What a shock. Off they went — gribbiting!



I just had to give them a race. Sometimes I wish I wasn't so silly!



Chasing frogs into ponds is not a very good idea. Especially when I got wet!



The frogs swam round me, grinning all over their groggy faces. Silly frogs!



Next time I won't play with frogs. I think I'll play with dogs — it's safer!

Horrible Henry

Elaine had been looking after her Auntie's parrot — Henry.



Henry was on great form.
The girls couldn't wait to
get off the bus. . .



The sooner we
get to Auntie's
the better.

Let's get some
sweets first.

You can wait here
for us, Henry. They
won't want a rude
bird in a sweet shop.



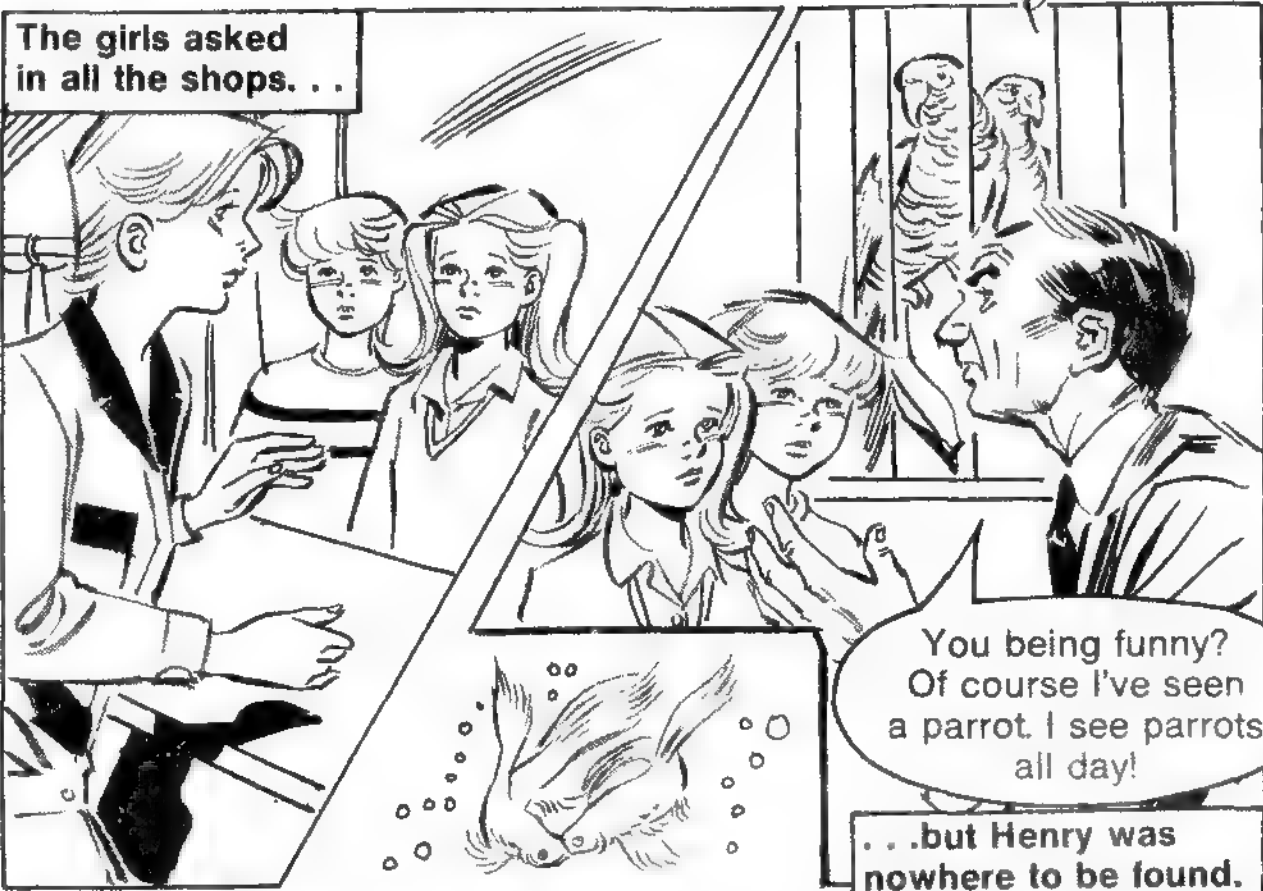
Aark!

Elaine,
he's gone!

Oh no! Auntie'll
kill me. We've got
to find him!



The girls asked
in all the shops. . .



You being funny?
Of course I've seen
a parrot. I see parrots
all day!

. . .but Henry was
nowhere to be found.

Henry!
Henry!

Here parrot!
Nice parrot!

How
strange!



Clear off,
ugly mug.

Hey, what's
going on over
there?

It's Henry! He's
sitting on top of a
police car and —
oh no!

Is this bird
yours, young
lady?

Er — yes. Well,
No. It's my Auntie's
actually, I'm just
returning him.





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And of course, Henry had to have the last word!

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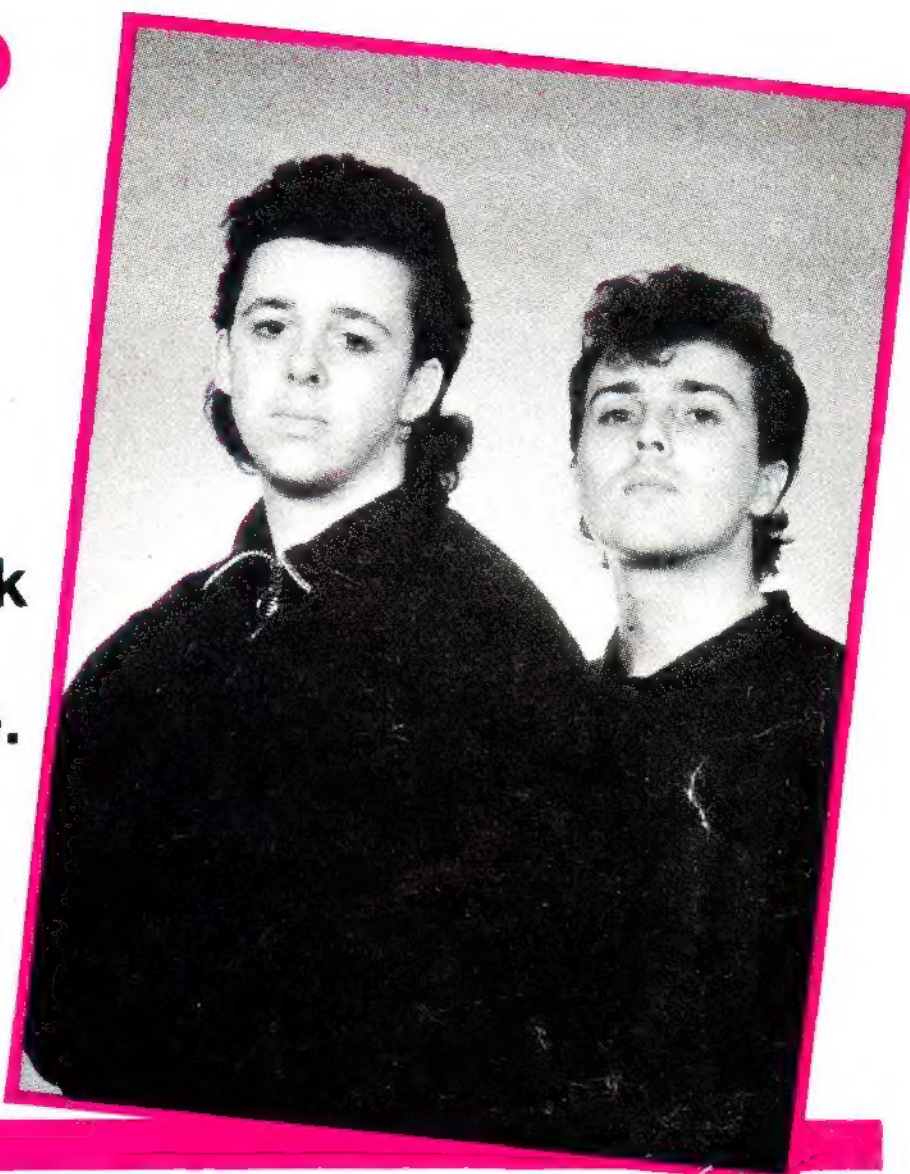
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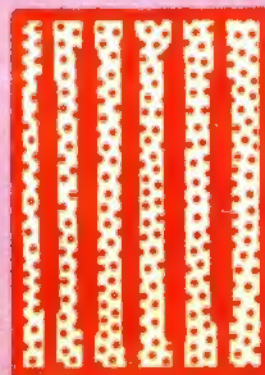
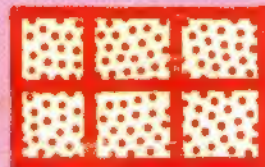


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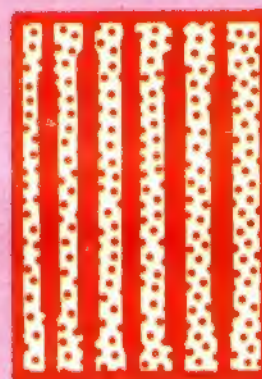
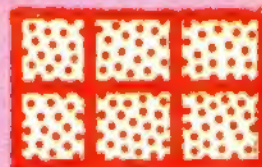
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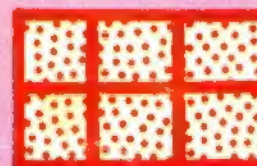
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